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A bound copy of a year is a tough task to achieve; yet our Yearbook staff, under the supervision of Ms. Brewer, worked tirelessly to make this a tangible reality. I am grateful for their efforts.

As you thumb the pages of this Decussata, I hope it brings back a flood of memories met with smiles, laughs, and sentimentality. It seems as if fewer and fewer students know the name of our yearbook. The Decussata is synonymous with the Cross of St. Andrew which takes the shape of an X. While we can certainly connect this imagery to our school's namesake, the image of an X is fitting for a yearbook. Thinking to our younger days when we were taught that X marks the spot, we know this book is meant to be an encapsulation of our memories for the 2019-2020 school year. From seeing a group of friends at Formation Day, a game-winning point or goal at a conference title, an average day in the classroom of a favorite teacher, images from Kairos 18 and 19, or celebrating mass together, X marks the spot. X marks the spot to remind us of our joy, pride, accomplishment, struggle, and friendship. X marks the spot to remind us of our commitment to faith, learning, leadership, and service.

For so many of us, March 13, 2020 will be remembered as a tougher day in our school community. We said goodbye to one another thinking that we would be away from each other for a few weeks, at most. Unfortunately, due to the spread of COVID-19 and the precautionary measures of self-isolation enacted by the State of Indiana, we did not return to campus and completed the school year virtually. The detachment from our community showcased to many of us how truly unique and special we are to one another. Now more than ever, we realize that a building is but a shell without it's people comfortably in place. The joy, pride, accomplishment, struggle, and friendship of an institution is dependent on the people busily walking the halls, sitting in the cafeteria, and running on the court or field. Without that and without you, we aren't whole. Our school community took a hit on March 13 and didn't fully recover. We didn't get to conclude in our traditional manner; we didn't get to say goodbye in the way we are accustomed to. But we learn lessons from that to inspire us and jettison us forward. This book hopes to do just that. X marks the spot of where we have been and where we will now go.

Jaycob Knazur
Principal, Andrean High School

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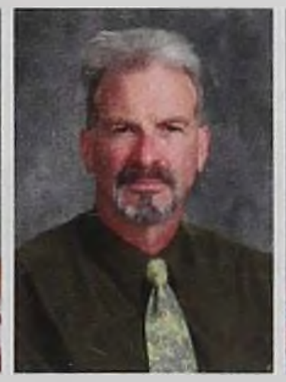
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Anne Weiss
Math & History

Kathy Yurechko
Development

NOT PICTURED:
Liam Flahertiy

"seniors"

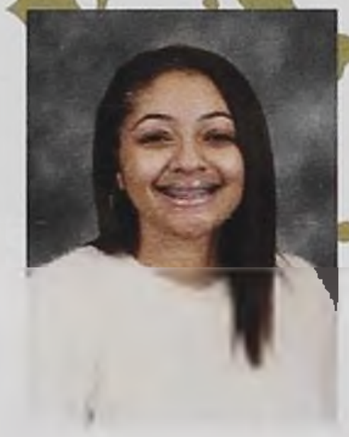
Dubem Adindu
"I say how I feel and I do what I want."

Isabella Azcona
"Nothing but a memory now" - S

Mia Brown
"My pleasure" - Chick-fil-a

Bishop Byrd

Jonathan Cantu



Arrayah Clark
"If you see me sniffing and crying, mind ya business."

Madalyn Clarkson
"Life's a party and I'm the pinata."

Caleb Cox
"It is what it is."

Dahmian Cundiff
"That's my type of shot."

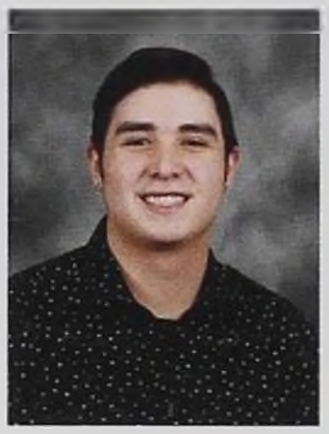
Laila Delaney
"Shine like the sun."

John DeMass
"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand." - Confucious

Adrian Diaz

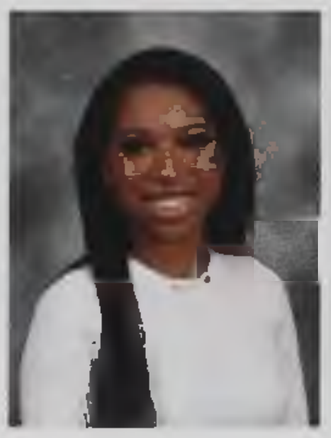
Isabella DiTola
"Chick-fil-a... no other words needed."

David Dravet
"Whenever I'm about to do something, I think 'Would an idiot do that?' and if they would, I do not do that thing." Dwight Schrute



Dylan Dubiel
"Say Goodbye" - SoLLUMINATI

Sydney Evans
"It's a Sydney thing" - Grant Bell



Nicole Farmer
"I can only pretend to care for so long."

Michael Ferrantella

TOP TEN

JJ WADAS
will be attending Butler University, majoring in Biology with a pre-med track.

Advice to current freshmen: No matter how hard it may seem or what other people are doing, do not be afraid to be yourself, and always stand up for what you believe in.

ALEX KIELBASA
College: University of Notre Dame
Major: Management

Piece of Advice: Failures and setbacks give you the genuine prospective on success. Don't be afraid to fail, we all do it.

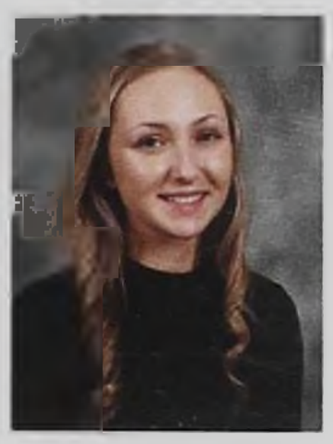
Natalie Figlio

"Goodbye everyone, I'll remember you all in therapy" - Plankton

Morgan Gonzalez

"I wonder if Disney misses me like I miss Disney"

Eric Goodes



Angelena Green

"Senior season turned to rona season quite earlier than expected"

Lilli Greiner

"10/10 would recommend running from your problems"

Noah Hamilton

Tyler Hemmons

Nacei Henderson

"If your not cheating your not trying"

Jakeylah Holmes

"I rarely want to be here, but my hair looks too good to stay home"

Peyton Horn

"They don't know that we know they know we know" - Phoebe Buffay (Friends S5 E14)

Damari Hutson

Angela Jones

Joseph Karl

"The roof is not my son, but I will raise it."

Vance Kenney

"Nothing last forever but at least we got these memories" - J Cole

Alexander Kielbasa

"I know how to start a backflip, just don't know how to finish one"

Ariel Killion

"August 24, 2019"

Sydney Kmetz

"Apples, apples!"

Grace Krupchak

"8 24 19"

Anna LaMere

"The Office, Season 4, Episode 1 9:00"

Victor Loza-Del Toro

Alejandra M[illegible]zak

"In this world you [illegible] think that Soulja boy or it thinks you" - Soulja Boy

FAYE OCHI
plans to go to Purdue University and study Aerospace engineering

Advice for current freshman: Never take the time you have now at Andrean for granted because these are some of the best times you'll have.

JOHN DEMASS
will attend Purdue University for Computer Science.

Advice: Try things out of your comfort zone; sports, student government, theater or academic teams. Give everything a chance.

LILLI GRIENER
plans to major in Biology at Washington University in Saint Louis.

Advice: Even if you don't know exactly what you want to do after high school, setting realistic goals for yourself is a good way to help you stay motivated. Also, stopping in the middle of the hallway during passing periods is never a good idea.

Mary Mantel

"Does anyone remember my 18th birthday?"

Austin Markul

Bridget Meccia

Victoria Moore

"Too many critics with no credentials."

Cassandra Moran

"This is why we can't have nice things."

Jillian Moynihan

"Ravioli, Ravioli, give me the Diplomioli."

Linda Mroz

"Without Google I would not be graduating."

Jacob Mullen

"Life is like a sandwich: no matter which way you flip it, the bread comes first."

Samuel Nagy

Tyler Nelson

"Ball is life."

Adam Nieman

"These young guys are playing checkers. I'm out there playing chess." - Kobe Bryant

Nicolas Nunez

"We ride together, we die together, bad boys for life. Into the forest I go to lose my mind and find my soul. We are the kids our parents warned us about."

Faye Ochi

"No, I'm not blinking."

Grace O'Donnell

"Currently in a state of grace."

Erin Perry

"They say good things take time. that's why I'm always late." - Erin Perry

Skylar Pezel

"Goodbye, so long, farewell"

Elizabeth Presnol

"And I knew exactly what to do. But in a much more real sense, I had no idea what to do." Mucheal Scott

George Reillo

"Behind every fear is an opportunity waiting to be seized."

Alyssa Riffle

"Party at my house."

Sofia Ruiz

"Use promo code "Netflix" to get 50% off your grades."

ADAM NIEMAN
will attend Valparaiso University and to become a Physicians Assistant

Advice for the freshmen:
Have fun.

PEYTON HORN
will attend Manchester University and major in Exercise Science

Advice for the freshman now: Never take your time at Andrean for granted it goes by fast (especially for us). Take every moment and make it the best you possibly can.

GRACE O'DONNELL will be attending University of Mary in the fall to study nursing.

advice to freshman:
Embrace all of high school, the good and the bad, and to live every second to the fullest. Go to the games, join a bunch of clubs, get involved, and be the change you want to see.

Mason Sannito

"BACK 2 BACK"

Samuel Satoski

"No matter where life takes me, find me with a smile" - Mac Miller

Carson Scott

"Be yourself, everyone else is already taken"

Annemarie Sherman

"I will do the opposite of fail! 'You mean succeed?' 'No! Nobody will be sucking seed!' We will be eating popcorn!" - King Julian

Jada Slay

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow The important thing is to not stop questioning" Albert Einstein

Cody Stanley

Robert Stanley

Tristan Stultz

"Working hard gives you big rewards"

Stephanie Tapia

Matthew Thomas

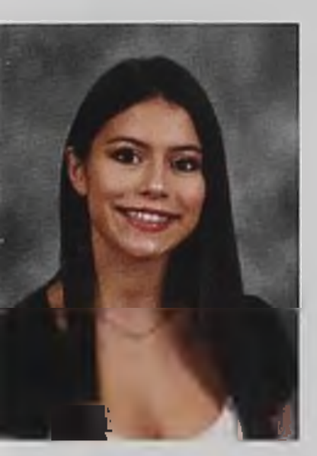
"But are you a different animal, and the same beast?" - Kobe Bryant

Megan Thomas

"For a class with perfect vision, we never saw Corona coming"

Lillieyne Tomson

"It's Corona Time"



Lorena Trujillo

Joel Wadas

"Anything in life worth having is worth working for" - Andrew Carnegie

Adam Warren

"I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days, before you've actually left them" - Andy Bernard

Amari Williams

"I don't talk much, but when I do it's usually about BTS."

Kelton Williams

"God Will-in" - Kelton Williams #3

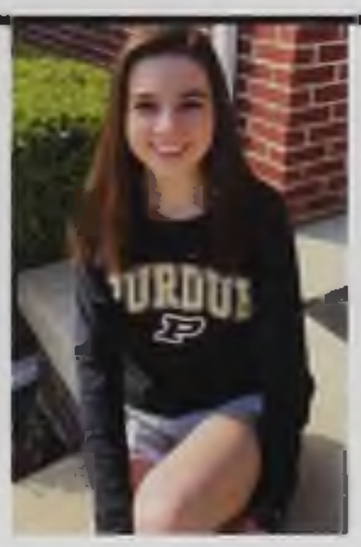
Kennist Williams

"All in, Win at all cost."

Reon Wilson

CASSANDRA MORAN
plans on attending Purdue University to major in Biomedical Engineering.

I would tell the current freshmen: Always pursue your endeavors with your best effort, treating every moment as your last.



MEGAN THOMAS
is going to Purdue University and is admitted in their Exploratory Studies program.

I would tell a current freshman to make the most of everyday because it is the small things that make Andrean so special.

TOP TEN continued

juniors

Liana Abad
Vincent Allegretti
Jacob Anderson
Emilie Arias

Dylan Barthel
James Bass
Autumn Bazelewski
Diamond Bell
Dyamond Blair
Najaah Brandon
Deshon Burnett

Devon Burnett
Yvette Cabrera
Sieara Cervantes
Chase Chmielewski
George Clardy
Destiny Clay
Chai-Rysh Cook

Robert Cooley
Elizabeth Correa
Collin Crouch
Bridget Curtin
Sabriya Dixon
Oluchi Echeumuna
Nicholas Flesher

Michael Galanos
Evan Gilligan
Dionna Grady
Grace Graziani
Courtney Grcevich
Legacy Harris
Evan Hartman

Dana Hernandez
Briana Houpt
David Howell
Joseph Hrebenyak
Nicholas Jakalski
Paige Jankiewicz
Isabella Jardenil

Michael Jarek
Ryan Jaros
Matthew Johnson
Benjamin Jones
Charles Jones
Corianne Keenan
Mary Klein

Sophia Krzyston
Madeline Lauermann
Shaun Law
Cade Lawson
Erica Lick
Jayden Lynon
Thomas Marsh

Andre'a Martinez
Damion McCarthy
Luke McQuestion
Ariana Medina
Matthew Meyer
Dillan Mori
Naliah Musenja

Julian Najera
Aline Navarro
Leah Navarro
Haley Nelson
Claudia Nicksic
Hunter Niksch
Dylan Nissan

Cameron Nohos
Autumn Oliver
Luna Osaki
Claire Osmulski
Faven Parker
Gianni Ramirez
Anthony Reynolds

Charles Roberson
Aliayah Robinson
Kyle Ross
Morgan Rudenga
Samuel Ruiz
Charles Russell
Patrick Rycerz

Carson Sannito
Justin Schassburger
Julia Schutz
Mark Sebben
Maria Segovia
Allison Shears
Leo Smith

Darrell Snyder
Joshua Stanich
Cameron Thornton
Lily Urbanski
Sara Vaca
Ryan Walsh
Molly Wantuch

Jalynn Ward
Grace Warner
Joseph Wheeler
Bradley White
Gianna Wick
Omarion Williams
Benjamin Yovich

Our Favorite Classes

"My favorite class this year was definitely AP U.S. history with Mrs. Weiss. The way she lectures with so much passion makes it fun for the whole class and it helps us have a great time while learning history.
Julia Schutz, 11

"My favorite class this year was 3D art with Ms. Spence. I enjoyed this class because she taught us how to make very cool and interesting art projects.
Matthew Johnson, 11

My favorite class this year was U.S. history honors with Mr. Knazur. He is an excellent teacher who pushes us to become the best students and citizens we can be. I also enjoyed our meaningful discussions which help us learn and grow as leaders.
Omarion Williams, 11

sophomores

Isabela Alvarez
Dario Anaya
Avery Antczak
Hayley Antczak

Alisha Arreola
Robert Ballentine
Eddie Bastardo
Curtis Baum
Neil Burbach
Joseph Cappello
Alexander Castillo

Aurelio Castro
Catherine Cespedes
Lamaria Cheairs
Kameron Clardy
Peter Clements
Gianna Coduti
Armani Conway

Mia Dainton
Dominic DiTola
Caleigh Doffin
Mary Dravet
Morghan DuBose
Ariana Garcia
Gabriel Gillespie

Robert Gonzales
Reagan Haislip
Khalon Hamilton
Ava Harris
Connor Hinkel
Catherine Hrinda
Zoe Irving

Billy Jones
Linnea King
Madison Kmetz
Reeve Kustric
Leighann Lambert
Amaria Lewis
Jermel Loyd

Angelina Majchrowicz
Miguel Martinez
Joseph Meccia
Connor Misch
Derrick Mitchell
Nicole Mobley
Brooke Molson

Sarah Morley-Lozano
James Moynihan
Alejandro Munoz
Vivian Nevarez
Margaret Nicksic
Peyton Niksch
Daniel O'Shea

Iyanna Pabey
Alonzo Paul
Maria Pedroza
Gracie Pettit
Taylor Powell
Hannah Preslin
William Prisby

Aliana Quinones
Veda Ramirez-Saveski
Maya Ricard
Lorenzo Rivera
Isabella Ruddell
Lucas Ruesken
Liah Ruiz

Sophia Sainato-Pinkie
John Samels
Jared San Antonio
Brittany Show
Bridget Sherman
Colton Shock
Colin Small

Kaleb Snyder
Naudia Steele
Natalie Struzik
Chania Summers
Lauryn Swain
Adam Tazic
Nicolas Tovar

Maria Trujillo
Cora Ubanwa
Theodoros Vardaros
Christian Vega
Trinity Walker
Owen Walkowiak
Joshua West

Jaylen Woodfaulk
Nicolas Woodie
Dh'mari Wright
Bryce Yerga
Isabella Zepeda

freshmen

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Zarya Alexander
Annelise Allegretti
Victoria Allen

Andres Allred
Mia Alvarez
Elijah Amos
Arianna Bacon
Sonja Banks
Sabina Barnard
Cooper Bellich

Scott Bloom
Drake Bolt
Josephina Bontempo
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Anandi Delaney
Preston Down

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LaShuntae Echols
Ryese Evanatz
Kyle Ezell
Nathan Farmer
Kayla Felton
Sofia Flamini

Colin Flesher
Melissa Flores
Morgan Fornaciari
Abigail Foster
Seth Frey
Elijah Garcia
Madison Gibson

William Gillespie
Nicholas Graziani
Yeseina Hernandez
Braylon Holland
Pierre Hopkins
Patricio Hormazabal
Nathan Hovsepian

Jaden Howard
Elizabeth Karl
Evan Kuykendall
Josephine LaMere
Ahmad Laster
Ramiro Laster
Cesar Laureano

Bryce LeGrand
Darius Long
Julia Lucas
Adam Lyons-Scott
James Mantel
Cristina Martinez
Hannah Maurer

RoMelo McElroy
Shannan McNair
Diana Mendoza
Matthew Mills
Taisha Mitchell
Carter Moran
Ibrahim Muhammad

Angel Murisa
Vanessa Navarro
Emma Nevarez
Audrey Nohos
Gabriel Novales
Joseph O'Donnell
Alexander Ogugua

Owen Olenik
Sydnee Oliver
Diego Ordonez
Kathleen Pampalone
Tyler Piepenbrink
Brooke Power
Jackson Price

Benjamin Prisby
Molly Prisby
Geraldo Quinones
Angel Ramirez
Mackenzie Rice
Jacalyn Roberts
Alex Rueth

Dominic Rund
Addison Salcedo
Alfonso Salinas
Jack Salzeider
Kara Schutz
Kristen Schutz
Brooke Shearer

Caleb Smith
India Smith
Montserrat Tapia
Kevin Than
MacKenzie Turner-Setzer
Valerie Tyrka
Camryn Urbaniak

Ian Urchell
Samuel Vickers
Caitlin Wados
Madison Whitfield
Ethan Wisler
Emily Ziegelhofer

"I love Andrean, because it brought me close to my life long friends and gave me a second home."
MacKenzie Turner-Setzer , 9

"I love Andrean and how you're not just another student walking in the hallway, but you are a part of the Andrean family and community."
Alfonso Salinas, 9

"I love the family atmosphere and academics that help you grow, learn, and experience great opportunities."
Morgan Fornaciari, 9

Why We Love Andrean

ACADEMICS

JUST BECAUSE IT IS SCHOOL

DOESN'T MEAN IT CAN'T

BE FUN

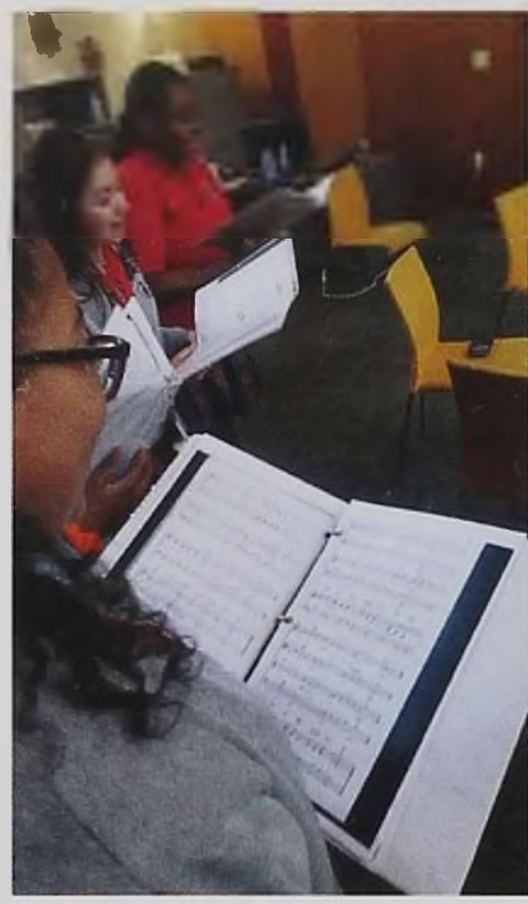
ART

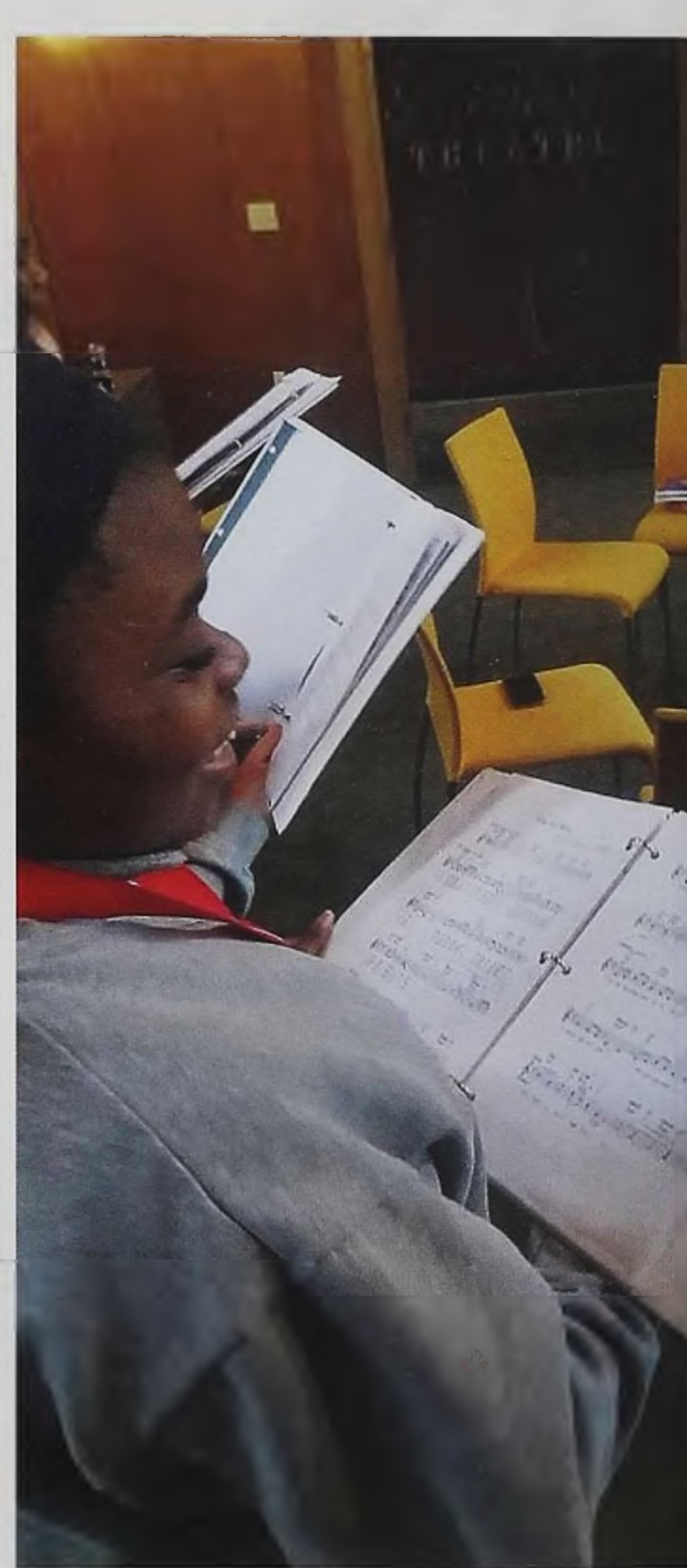
Tri-County Art Show

at Munster Performing Arts Center announced all the winners and two of our students received awards!

Ariel Killion "My Mother" - Best overall Colored Pencil submission

Mary Klein "Filling Up" - Honorable Mention





CHOIR

THEATRE

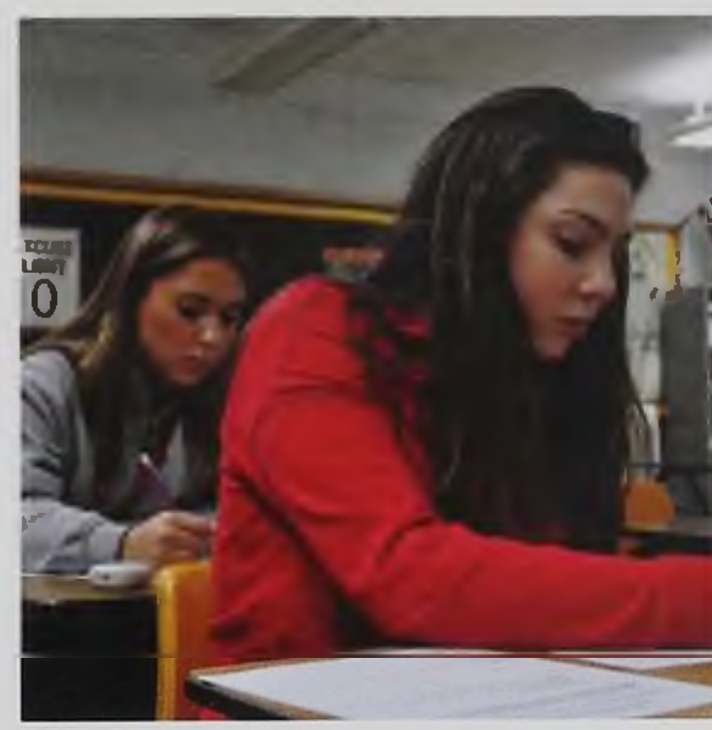
Ready to Learn. Mrs. Robinson lectures to her World History class.

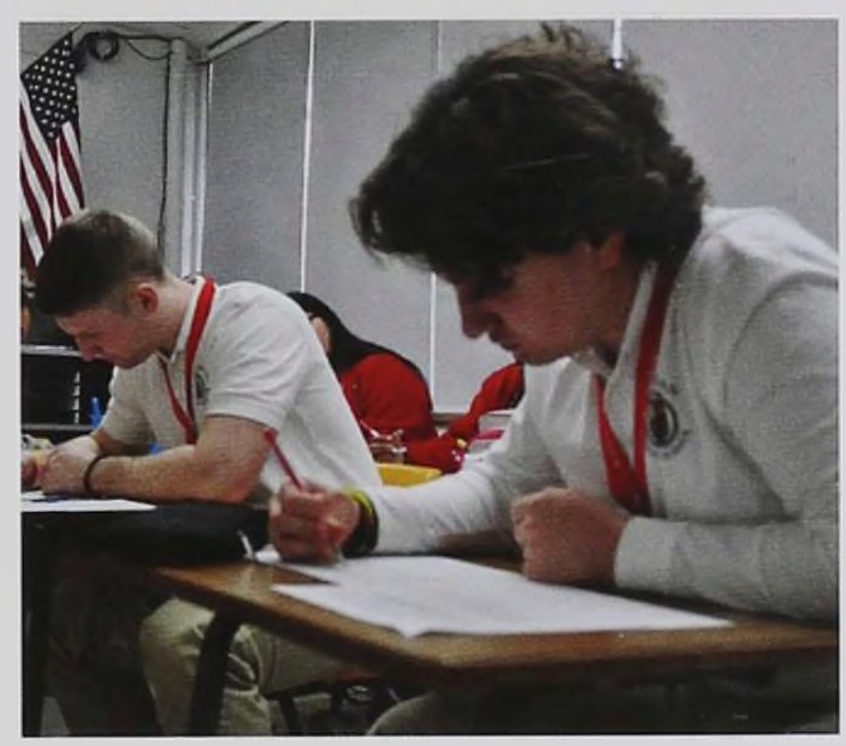
Locked in. Damion McCarthy (11) works diligently on his project. "For our final exam, Ms. Laco had us research a career of our choice and find out what it takes to work in that line of work."

CAPTION STARTER.
Brad White (11) works hard on his U.S. history project.

CAPTION STARTER.
Juniors George Clardy and Julian Najera work on their maps for Mr. Wachowksi's U.S. history class.

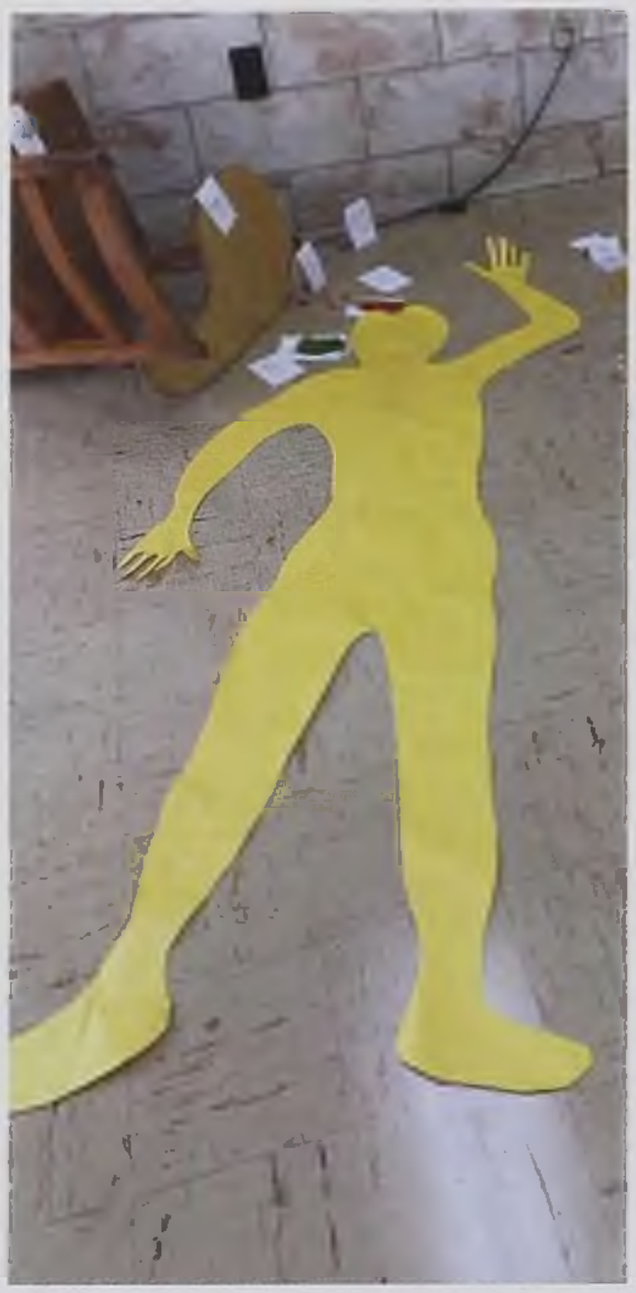
SOCIAL STUDIES

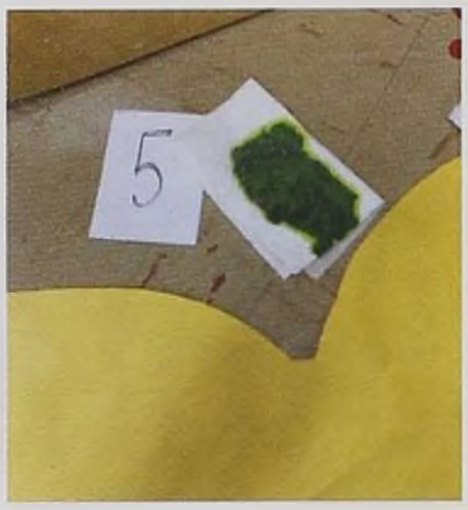




CAPTION STARTER.
Ms. Laco explains a some instructions to some of her students.

WORLD LANGUAGES

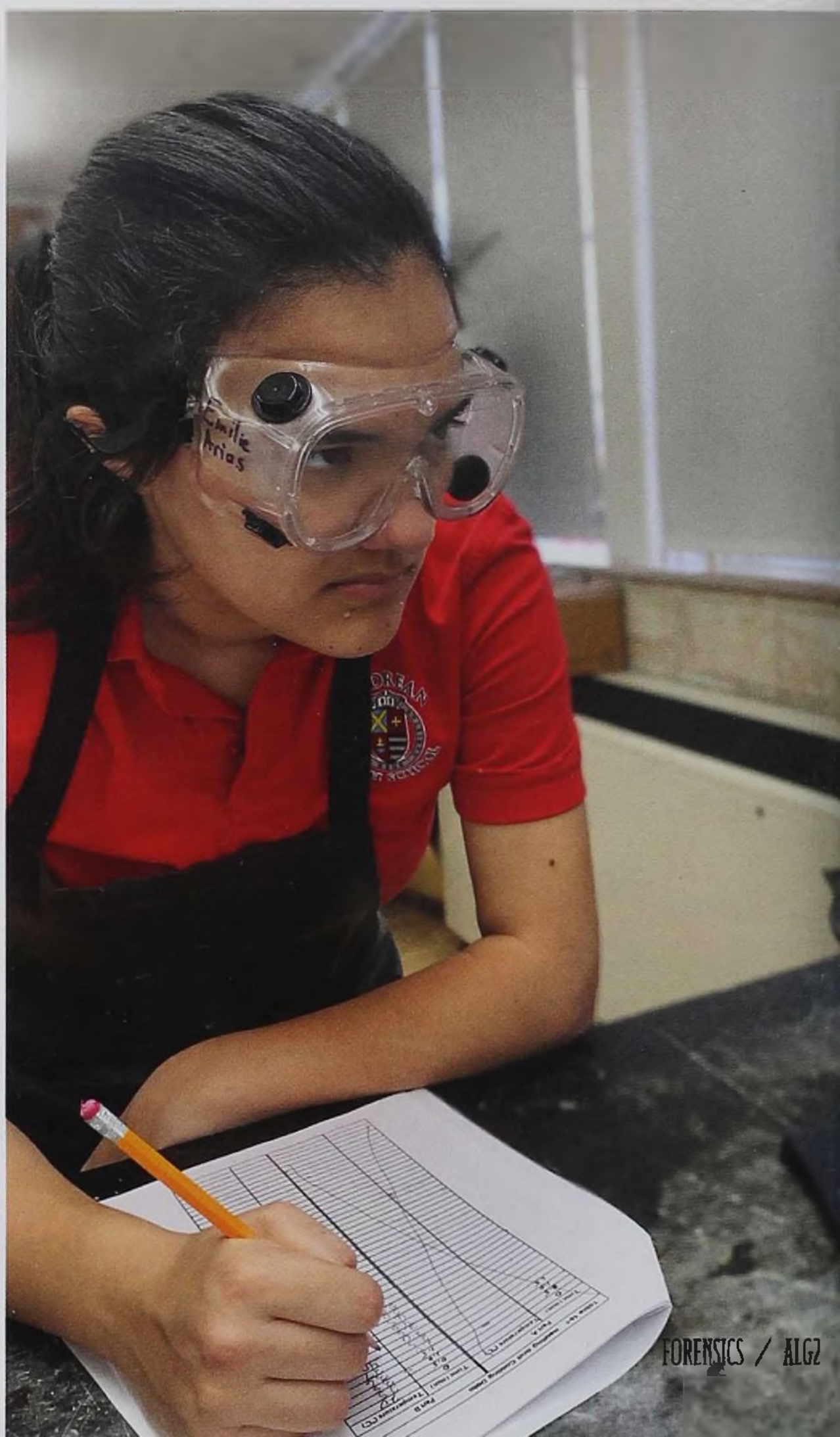


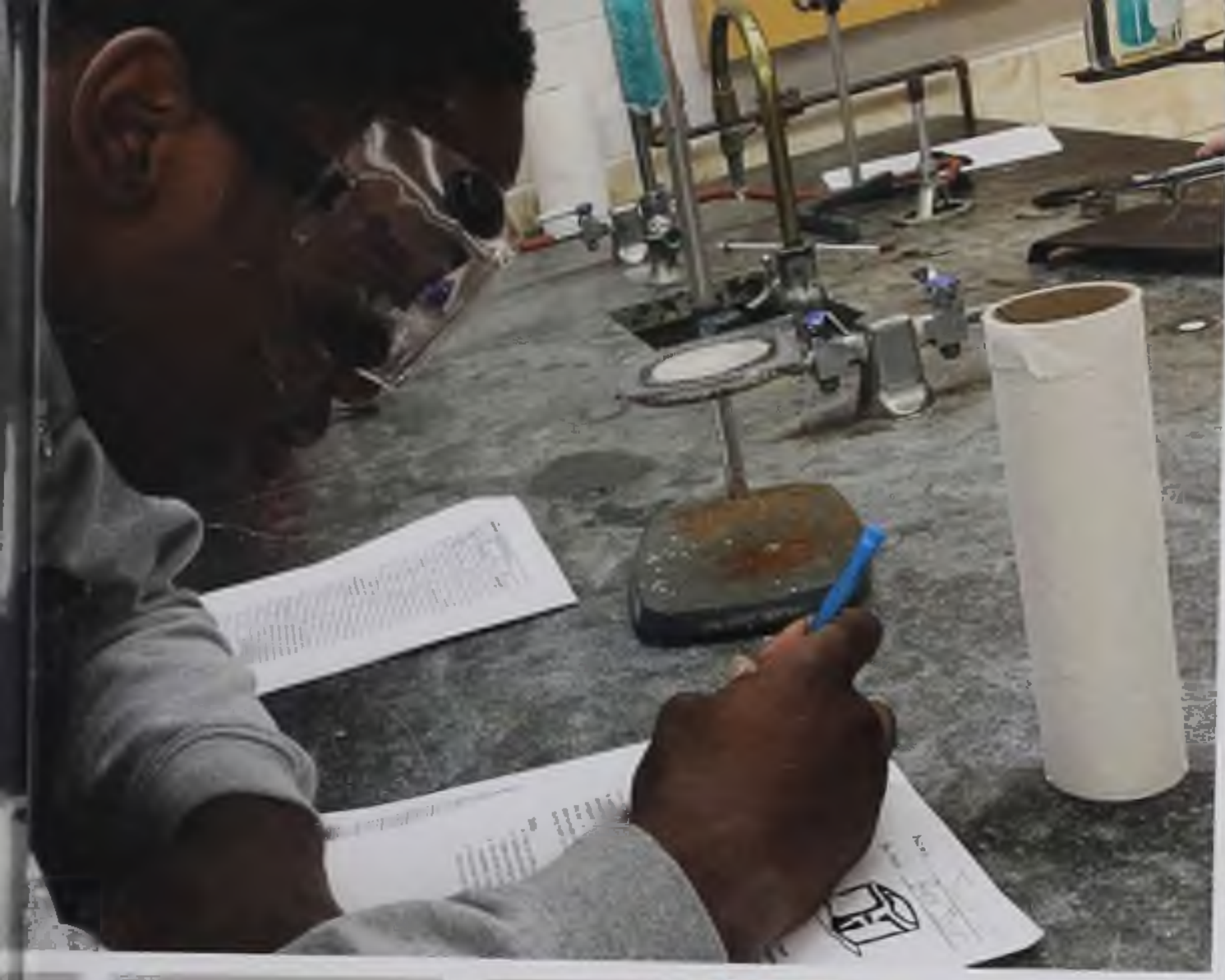


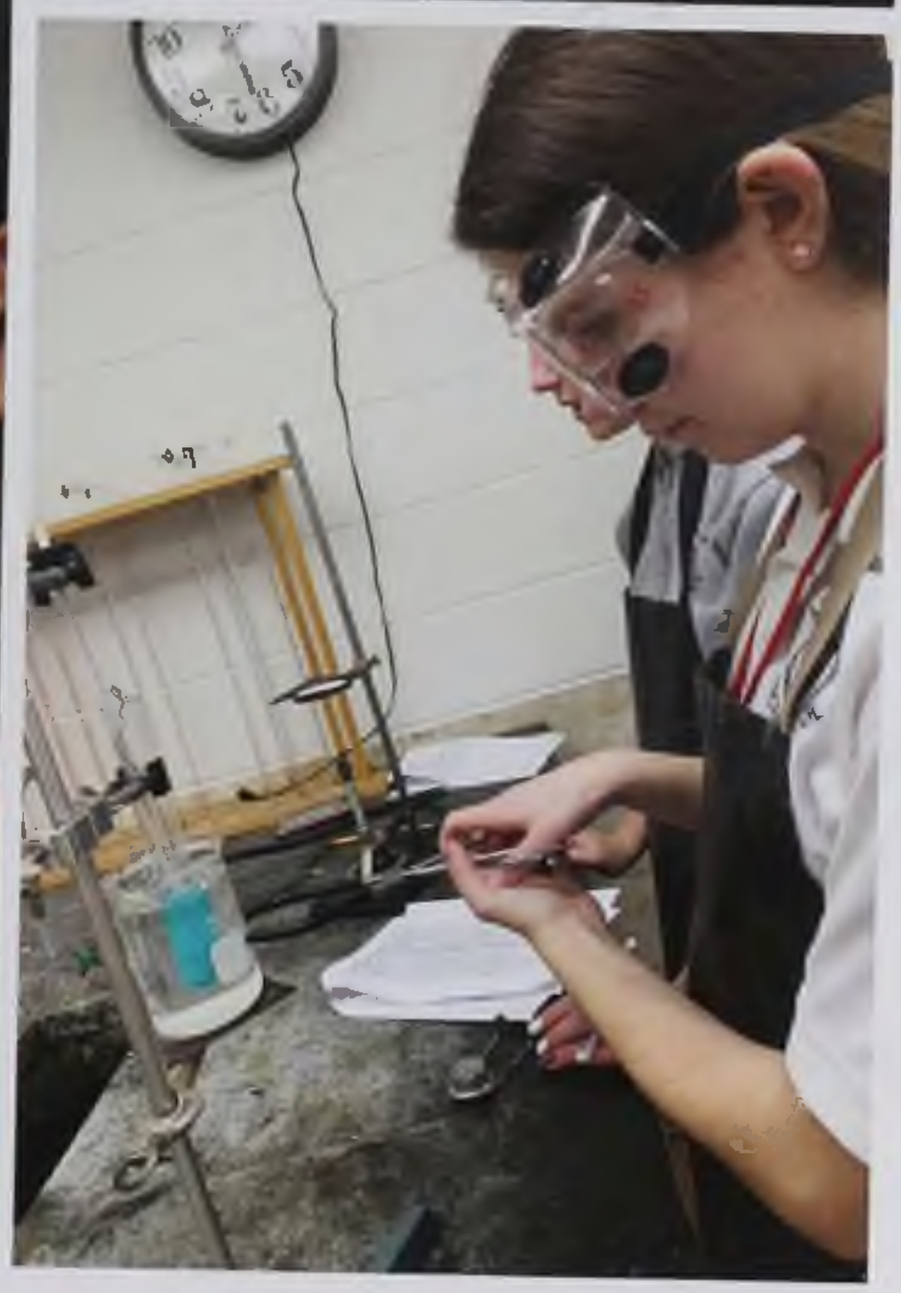
WHO DID IT?

FORENSICS CLASS

iPads in math class? alg2







Chemistry

ATHLETICS

Gabe Gillespie, 10 up at the free throw line releasing his shot
Maddie Clarkson, 12 takes control of a ball in the game against Hobart High School
Dylan Barthel, 11 taking a goal kick
Sydney Kmetz, 12 hits a beautiful shot off the tee

Teammates going to visit **Alonzo Paul 10** in Indianapolis after a summer practice.

Get Hyped

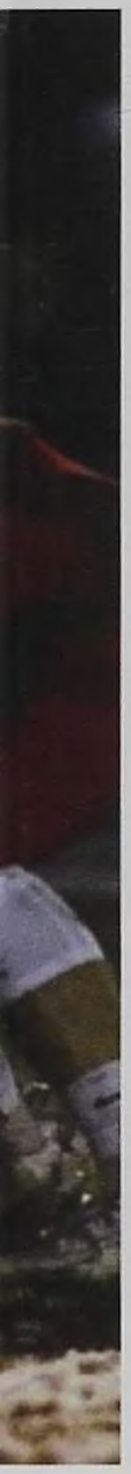
***Cody Stanley** 12 after sacking Boone Groove's quarterback*

Nick Jakalski 11

Captains going to the 50 yard line for the coin toss.

J.J. Wadas going to kick off.

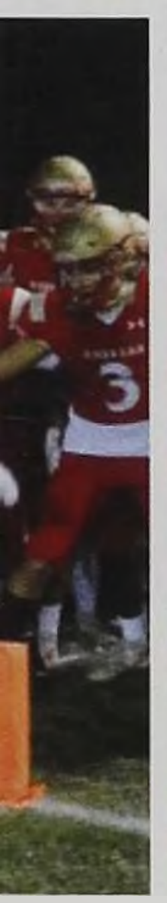
Regional Champs

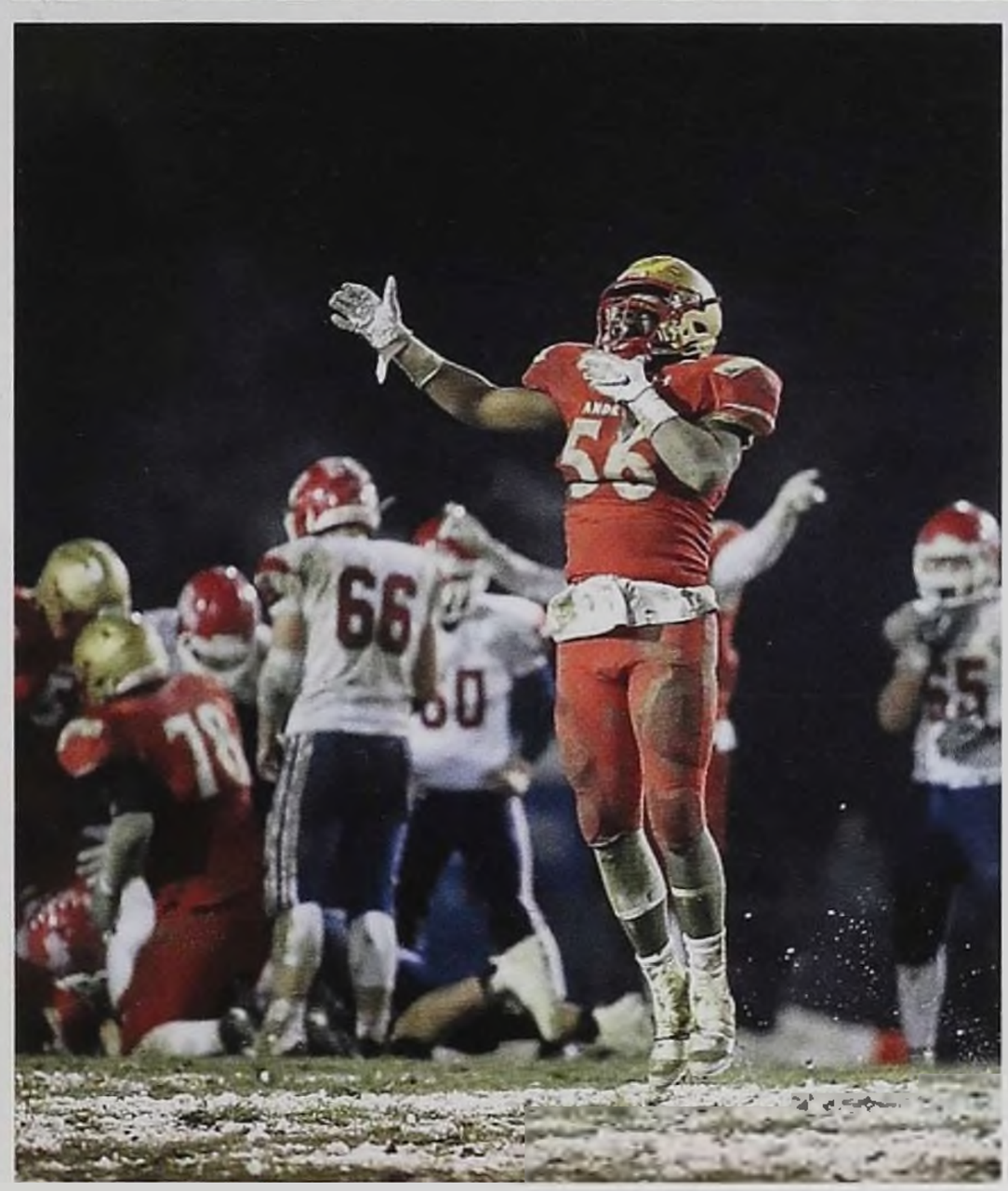


Noah Hamilton 12 looking to throw a touchdown in the opening scrimmage against Lake Central.

Cameron Thornton 11 and **Nicholas Flesher** 11 windmill high five before Eastbrook.

All smiles from the football team as they pose after winning their first **regional title** since 2014.

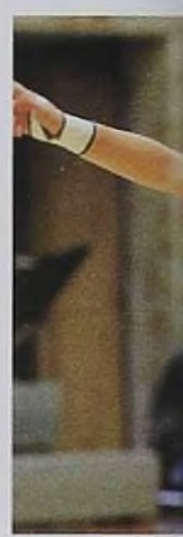




The fighting **59ers** rushing to take the field on senior night to take on Kankakee Valley.

Coach Skinner talking to the team after crushing **Boone Grove** in the IHSAA sectional championship game.

Mia Brown 12 goes up for a tip against Bishop Noll.



Senior Mia Brown hugs senior Isabella DiTola after the Sectional Championship Victory.

JV team shows off their matching hair styles.

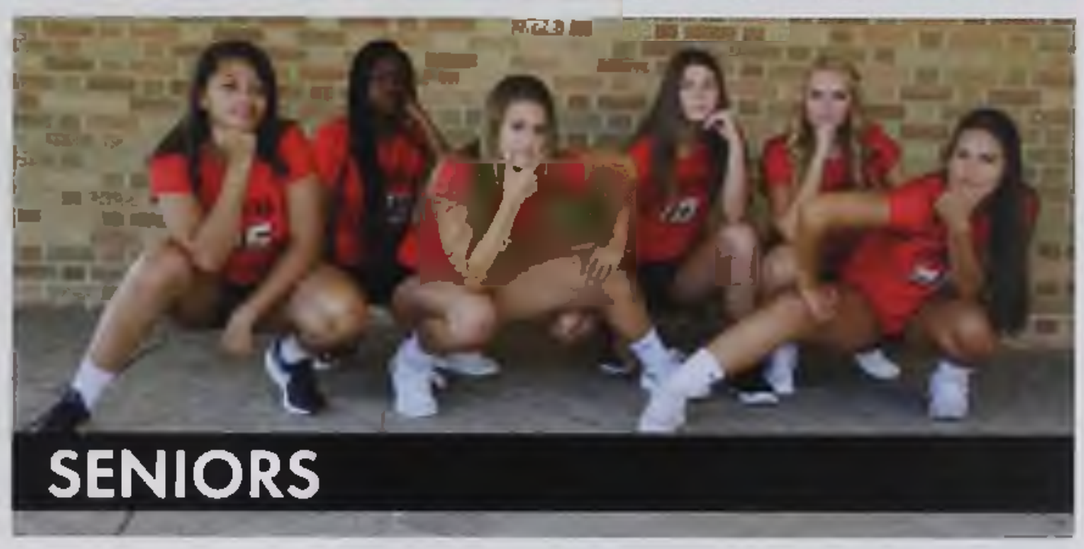
2019 VOLLEYBALL
SECTIONAL CHAMPS

Erin Perry, 12, serves the ball against Marian Catholic.

FRESHMEN TEAM

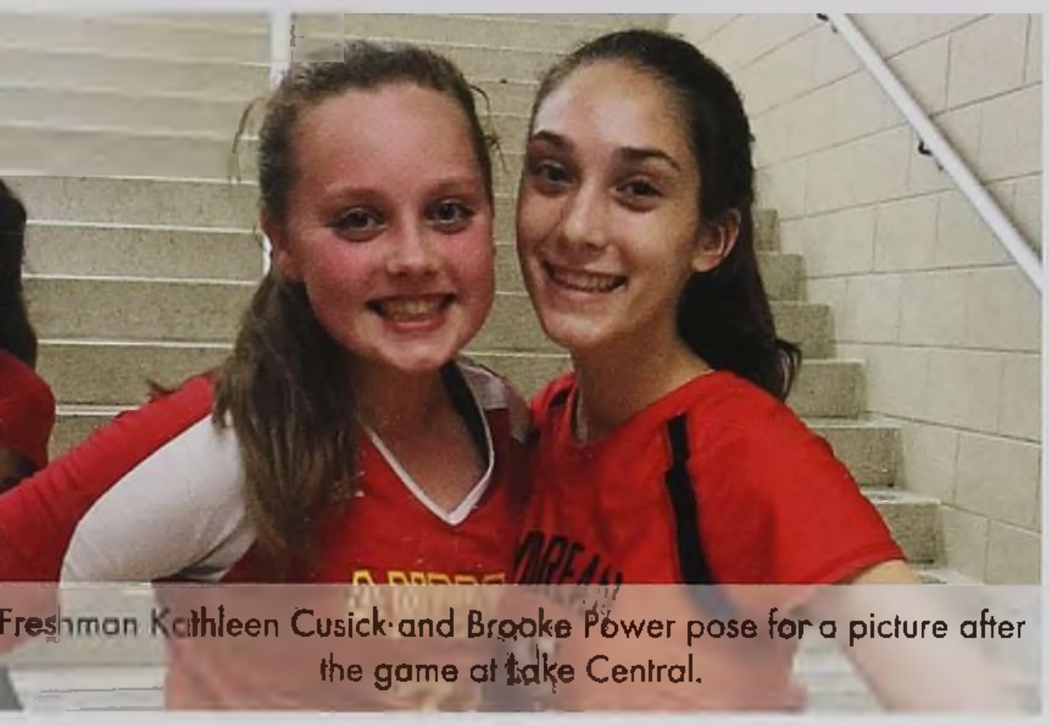
SOPHOMORES

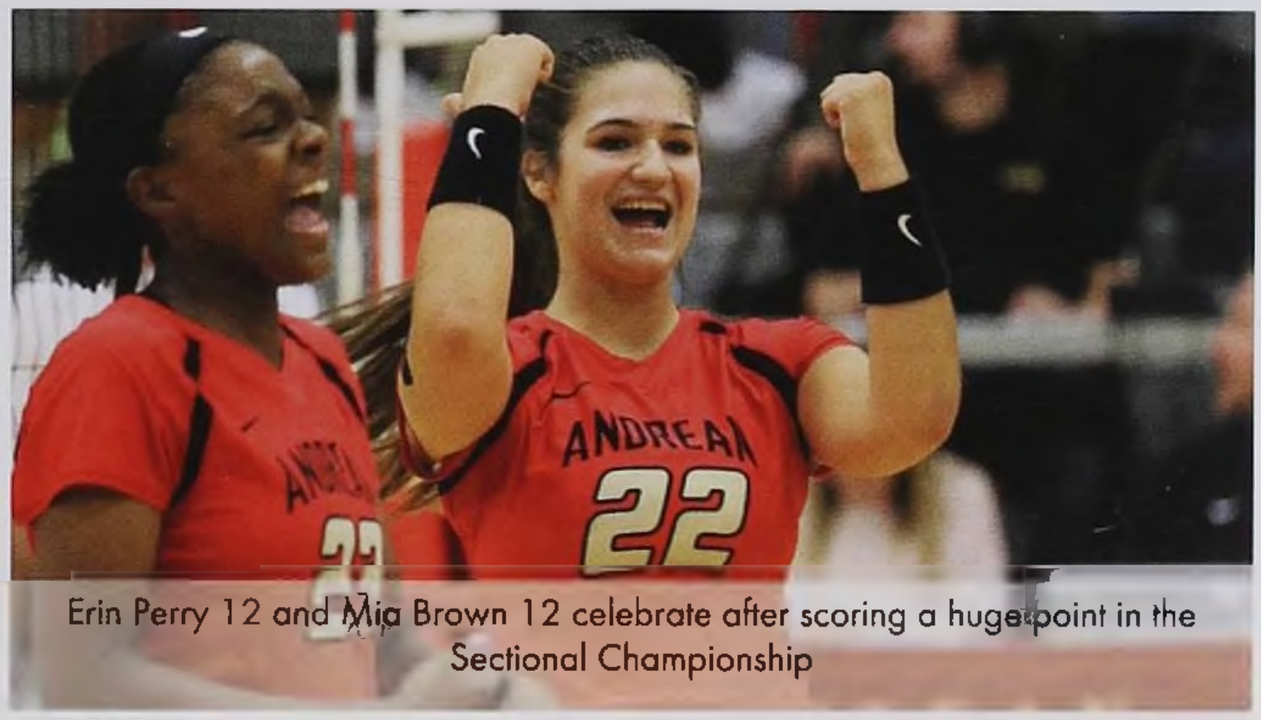
JV TEAM


SENIORS

Caleigh Doffin 10 celebrates after scoring a point.

Jillian Moynihan 12 goes up for a swing against Bishop Noll.


Freshman Kathleen Cusick and Brooke Power pose for a picture after the game at Lake Central.


Erin Perry 12 and Mia Brown 12 celebrate after scoring a huge point in the Sectional Championship

Cross Country

Junior Dylan Nissan running through the course one foot at a time.

Lilli Greiner, 12 and Catherine Cespedes, 10

Matthew Meyer, 11

State Bound

Lilli Greiner. 12 pushes to the head of the pack

First place at the Hobart Invitational Meet.

Alex Kielbasa

John DeMass

Matt Thomas

SENIORS OF THE 2019 SEASON

KINGS OF THE COURT

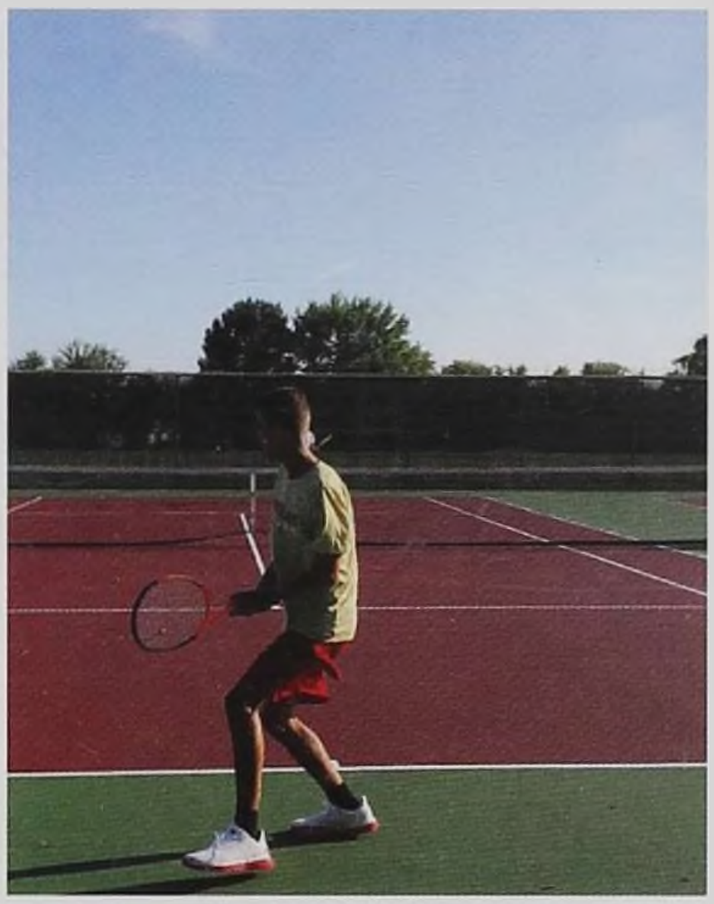
ABOVE: Senior Alex Kielbasa swinging a serve at the opponent during a home game.

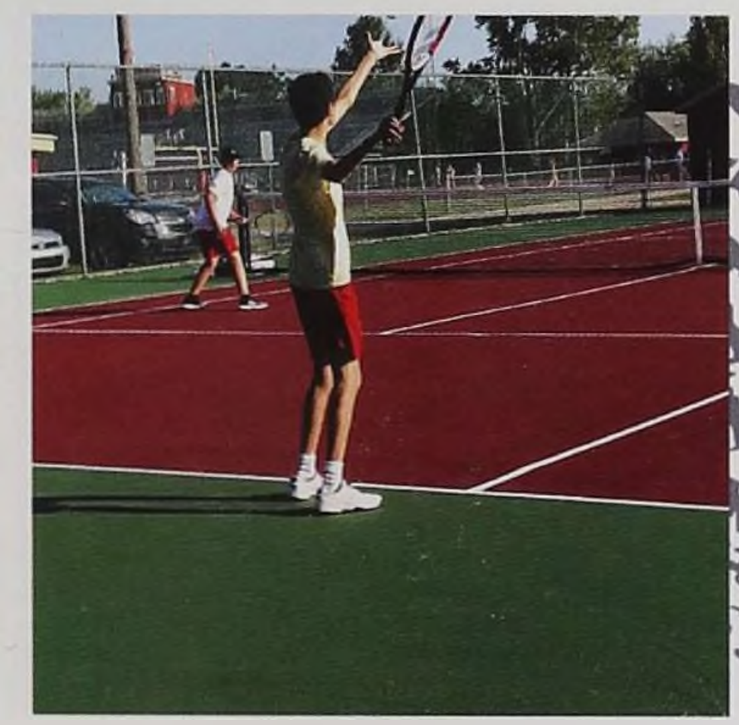
RIGHT: Sophomore Peter Clements returning the ball with a backhand, during a home game.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sophomore Teddy Vardaros and Freshman Aidan Conley playing doubles, during a home game.

BOTTOM MIDDLE:Sophomore Joshua West winding up his serve, which will put the ball into play, during a match at East Chicago.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Junior Mark Sebben returning the ball to his opponent with a powerful forehand, during a home game.





GIRLS GOLF

Nicole Farmer, 12, Ellie Presnol, 12, Sydney Kmetz, 12, Cassie Moran, 12

Kelton Williams, Tristan Stultz, Coach Tampi
Kennist Williams, and Dubem Adindu before th
take the field on senior nig

Sectionals
Despite a 1- 12 record boys soccer valiantly fought and won a 2019 sectional tittle.

Mr. Listro and Allison Shears, 11

Megan Thomas, 12

Allison Shears , 11

Ellie Presol, 12

BOYS SOCCER

Kelton Williams , 12

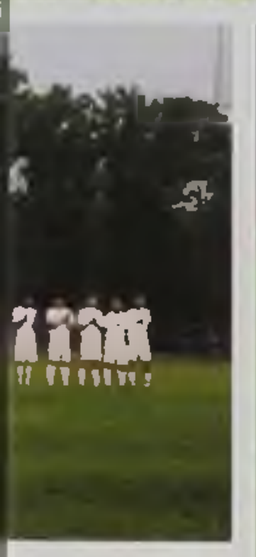
Gianni Ramirez, 11

Kennist Williams , 12

Alejandro Munoz, 10

Dubem Adindu, 12 running with Sam Ruiz,11

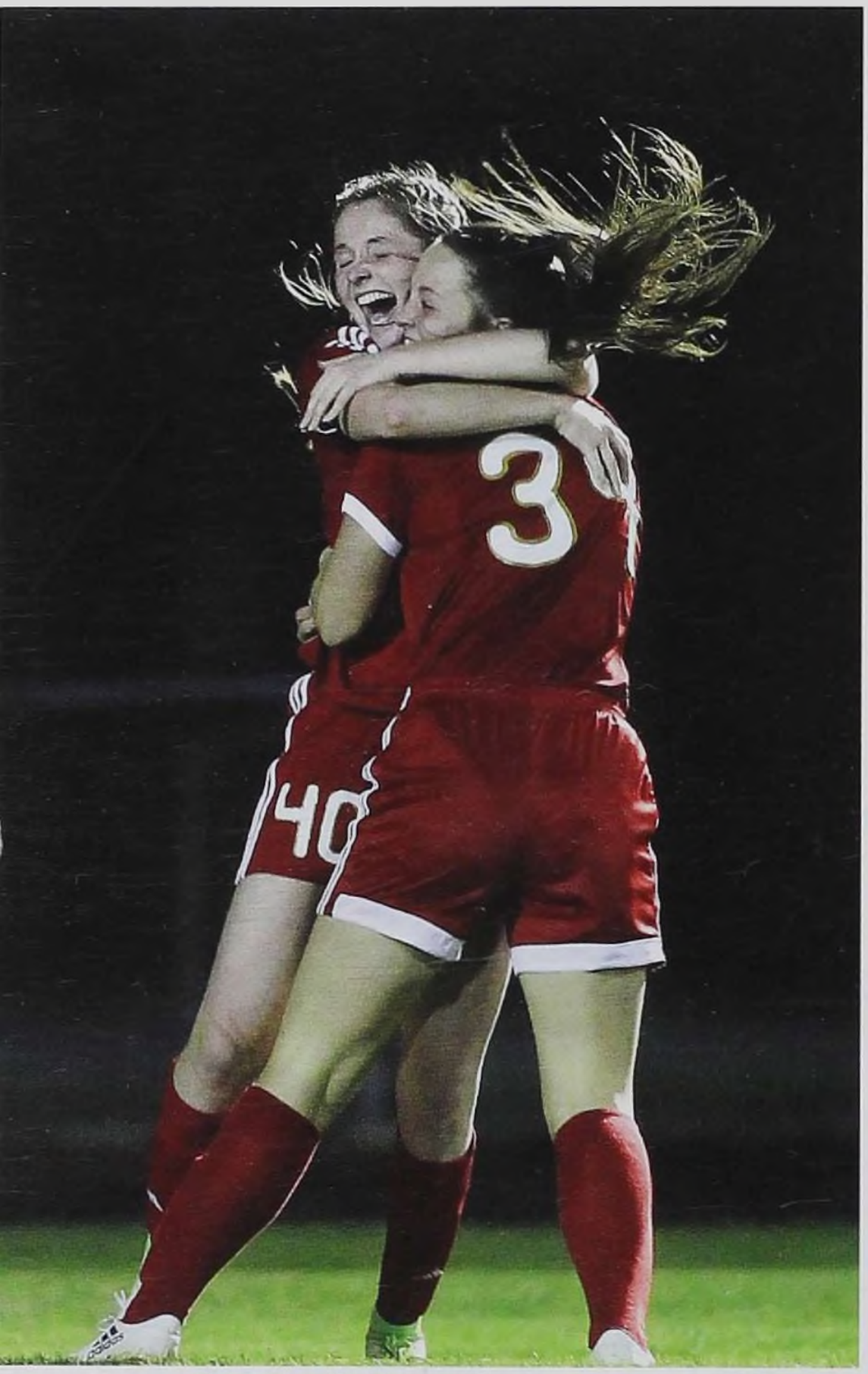
Kennist and Kelton Williams with their mom at Senior Night



James Moynihan, 10

Senior Tristan Stultz

BORN TO PLAY
Girls Soccer



Senior Mary Mantel hugs senior Annemarie Sherman after she scored her first goal on senior night.

Sophomore Bridget Sherman celebrates after her team scored a goal.

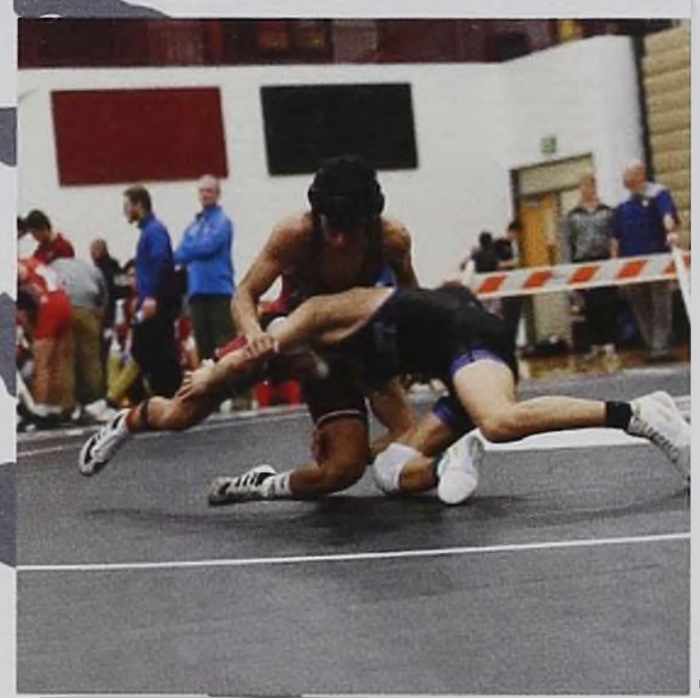
Briana Houpt, 11

Robert Stanley 12 takes a shot against his opponent.

Wrestling

PIN IT TO WIN IT

Jayden Lynon 11 gets a reversal on his opponent.



Dylan Barthel 11 sprawls on his opponent.

Christopher Crooks 9 circles the mat, getting ready to make a move.

NIGHT

Mia Dainton 10 stealing a ball against Hobart.

Gabe Gillespie 10

Darrell Snyder 11

Deshon Burnett 11

Ben Jones 11 goes up to shoot a 3 - pointer.

Varsity

Nicky Flesher 11 goes up for a 3 - point shot against Lowell.

Robby Ballentine 10 goes to dribble around his opponent.

Eddie Bastardo 10 goes to box out to grab a rebound.

Boys Basketball

Dominic DiTola 10 looking to make a pass.

Sam Ruiz 11 goes up for a jump shot.

JV

D.J. Mitchell shoots a free throw to help his team.

Will Prisby 10 goes up to shoot a 3 - pointer against Lowell.

Girls Basketball

Peyton Horn 12 gets ready to shoot a free throw.

Julia Schutz 11 and Peyton Horn 12 pose for a picture on picture day

Mary Mantel poses for a picture after a time out.

JV basketball team having fun on the bench

Julia Schutz 11 concentrating before shooting a free throw.

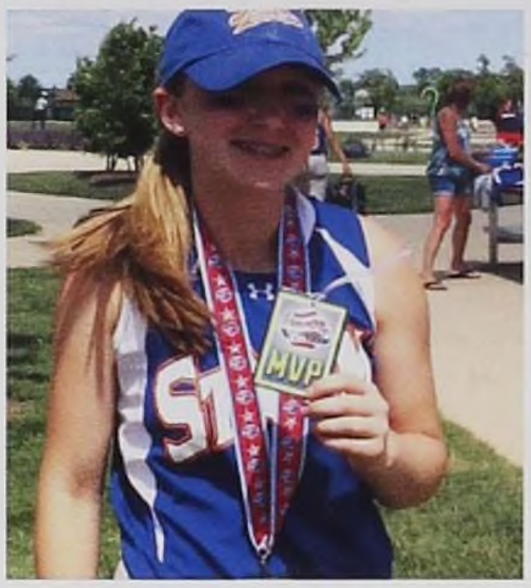
Since spring sports were canceled, we will celebrate those seniors.

SOFTBALL

Angelena was a 4 year varsity letter winner, a starting outfielder for us and scored the winning run in our 2018 regional championship win. She reached base by hitting a double to get into scoring position. We would also like to recognize the following juniors,Sieara Cervantes,Leah Navarro,Morgan Rudenga,and Julia Schutz, In addition we want to highlight the following sophomores, Cailey Anderson,Avery Antczak,Caleigh Doffin and Sarah Morley along with freshman Valerie Tyrka.

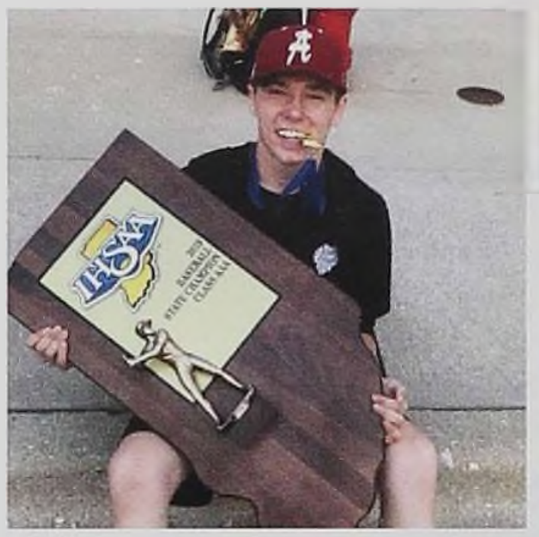
Glenn Eisfelder
Coach Ice

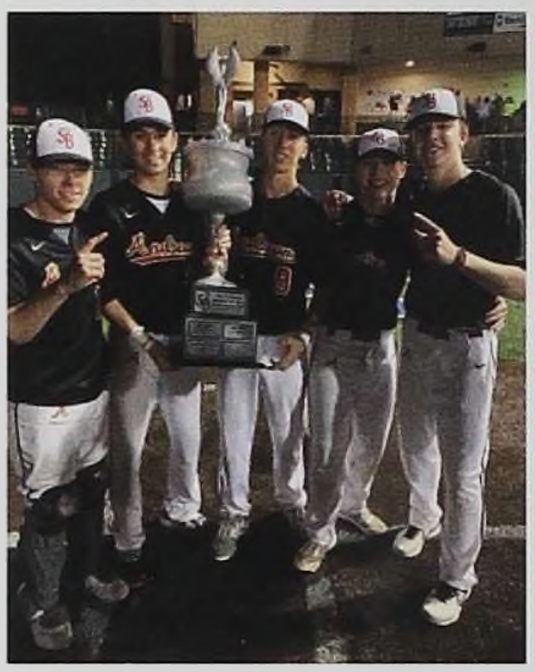
Angelena Green



BASEBALL

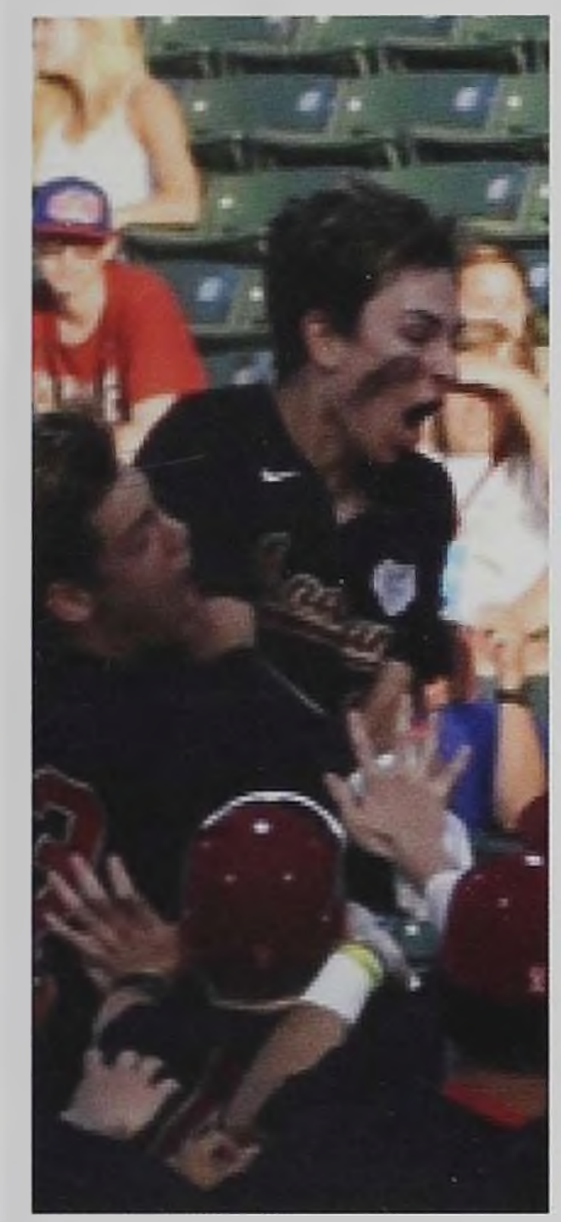
Jake Mullen



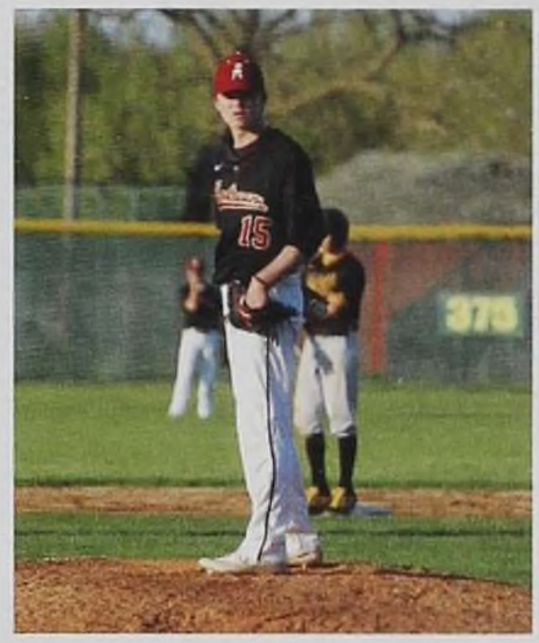


Joe Karl

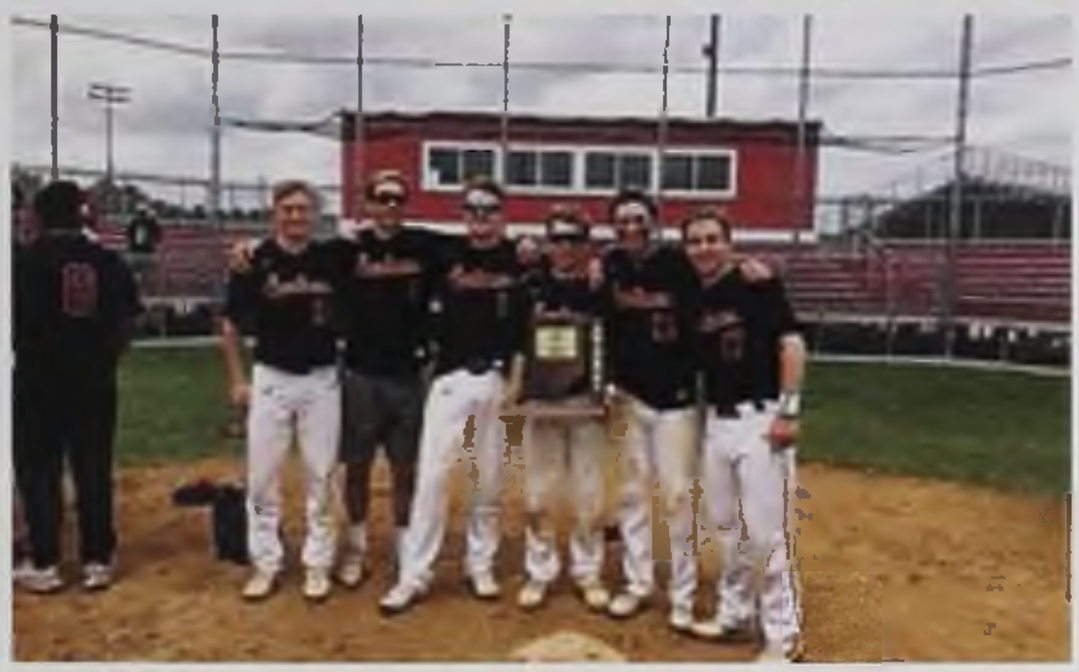
Mason Sannito



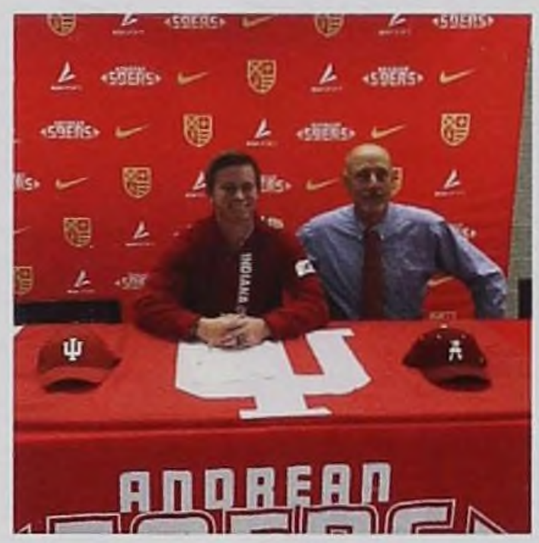
Sam Nagy



Michael Farrentella



Tyler Nelson



TENNIS

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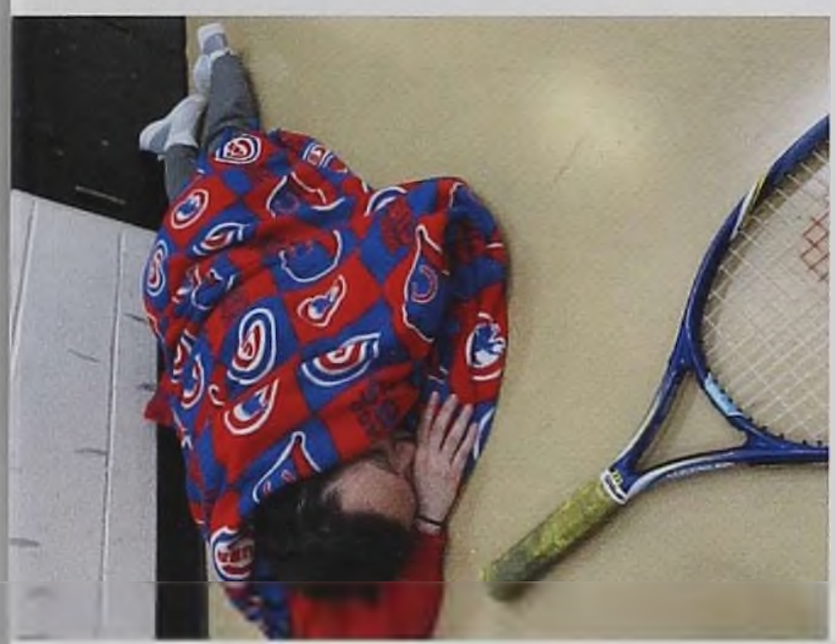


GOLF

Alex Kielbasa

TRACK & FIELD

Lilli Griener
Angela Jones
Sofia Ruiz
Stephanie Tapia
Joel Wadas

The official mascot of 2020:
Always wears a mask.
Compulsively washes hands.
Letters of racoon rearranged spell
corona.

THIS YEAR'S BOOK IS NOT QUITE WHAT ONE WOULD EXPECT. MANY TRADITIONAL EVENTS ARE MISSING: SPRING SPORTS, PROM, GRADUATION, SENIOR EVENTS, AND ARMAGEDDON TO NAME A FEW.

WE HOPE THAT THE COVERAGE IS SUCH THAT YOU CAN ENJOY THE MEMORIES OF THE 3/4 OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WE HAD IN PERSON, AND REMEMBER THE LAST QUARTER WITHOUT REGRETS. THE END OF THIS YEARBOOK CONTAINS A HISTORIC ARCHIVE OF THIS TIME THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU NOW AND AS YOU USE THIS BOOK TO REMEMBER THIS TIME.

THE YEARBOOK STAFF:

MISS BREWER BEN YOVICH BELLA DITOLA DESTINY CLAY

JOSH WEST MADISON WHITFIELD MIA BROWN NICOLE FARMER

HOMECOMING

(from left to right): Adam Nieman 12, Adam Warren 12, Sam Satoski 12, Kelton Williams 12, Dylan Dubiel 12, Dylan Barthel 11, Dubem Adindu 12, Gianni Ramirez 11, Kennist Williams 12

(from left to right)
Back Row: Annie Sherman 12, Mia Brown, Jillian Moynihan 12, Mary Mantel 12, Natalie Figlio 12, Haley Nelson 11, Alejandra Macyszak 12
Front Row: Lillie Tomson 12, Bridget Meccia 12, Grace Krupchak 12, Carson Scott 12, Maddie Clarkson 12, Lorena Trujillo 12, Alyssa Riffle 12

(from left to right): Kelton Williams12, George Reillo12, Nicole Farmer 12, Kennist Williams 12, Dubem Adindu 12

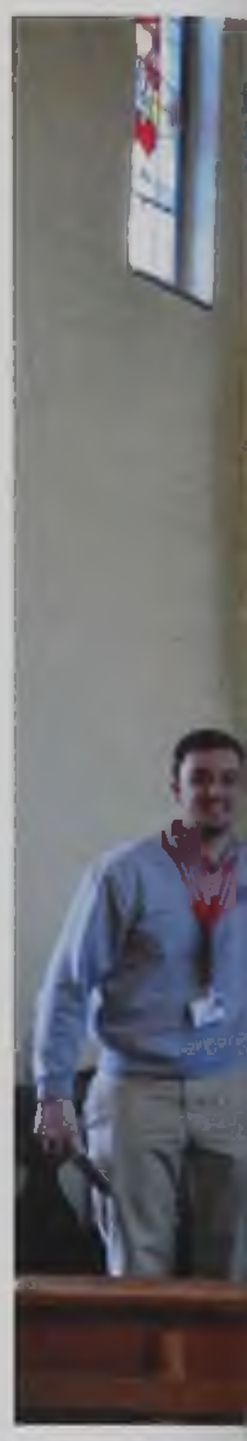
FORMATION

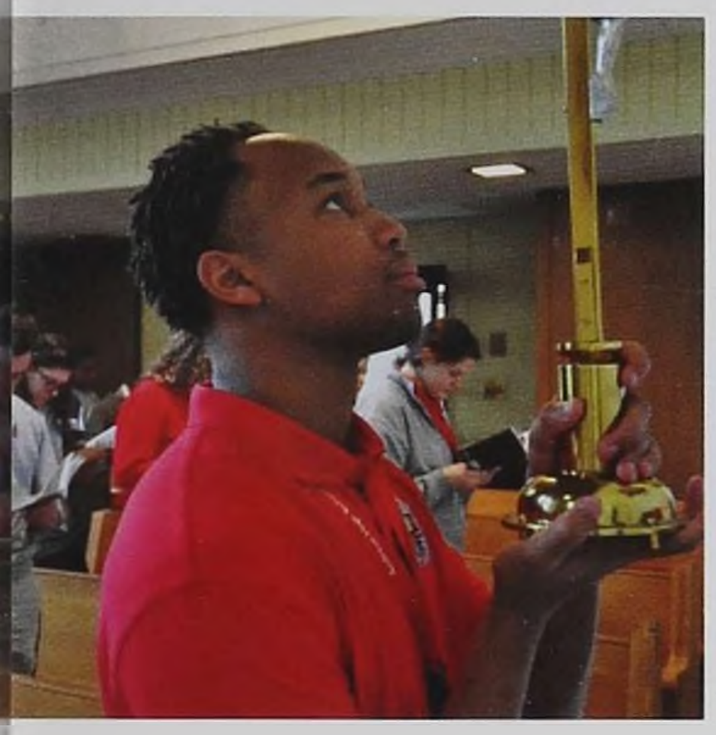
DAYS

of Service

Niners in Action

The Andrean Theatre Company





Focused in Prayer. JJ Wadas (12) following along in prayer at the SHS Stations of the Cross.

Spanish Honor Society

Spanish Honor Society Annual Mass and Fiesta

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Right : Choir - (left to right) Elijah Garcia, India Smith , Ms. Bourget , Shannan McNair, Arianna Bacon, Anandi Delaney, and Madison Whitfield

Andrean Theatre Company

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Winter Formal

National Honors Society

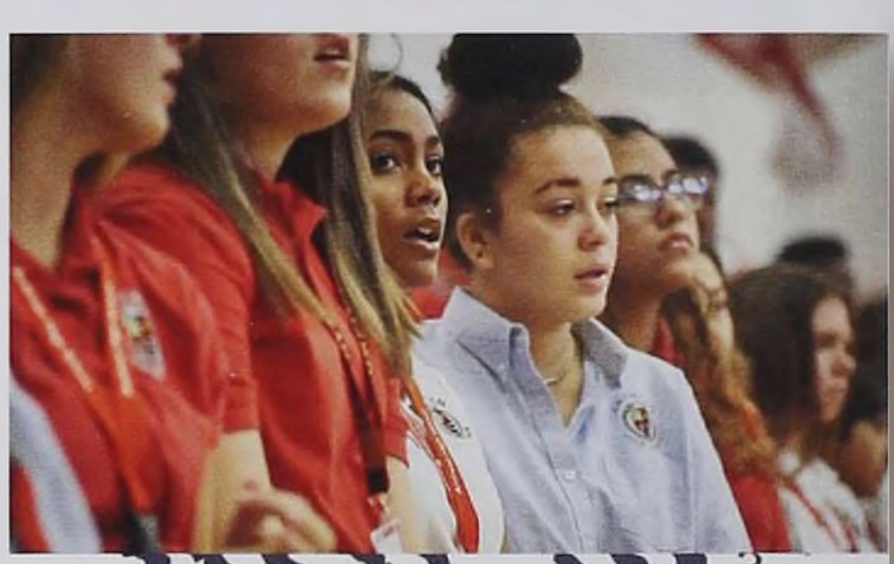
Natalie Figlio 12, Alyssa Riffle 12, Anna LaMere 12, and Patrick Rycerz 11 wrapping Christmas gifts for families less fortunate.

Induction Ceremony

Ben Yovich 11 accepting his induction certificate from Mr. Knazur.

Group of students wrapping christmas gifts donated by their fellow classmates.

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice"



We gather together once a month to celebrate mass as an entire school. This is a time to put school aside for an hour and focus on faith.

Faith

"Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your Apostles...

... I leave you peace...

... my peace I give you"

Andrean is a family. As they say "A Family that Prays Together Stays Togehter." This has proven to be true throughout the years, especially at Christmas mass. This is when many Andrean Alumni come to celebrate mass as they once did when they were in school.

KAIROS k18

(left to right) :Mr. O'Neill, Lillie Tomson , Erin Perry, Lorena Trujillo , Maddie Clarkson , Megan Thomas, and Jonathan Cantu

(left to right) :Kennist Williams,Annie Sherman, Mary Mantel, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Sydney Kmetz, Alejandra Macyszak, Nicolas Nunez

(left to right) :Alyssa Riffle, Jillian Monyihan, Bridget Meccia,Alex Aravala, Mathew Thomas, and , Ms. Brewer.

(left to right) :Mrs. Yurechko, Keylah Holmes, Kelton Williams, Peyton Horn, George Reillo, and Alex Kielbasa

(left to right) : Natalie Figlio, Dubem Adindu, Grace O'Donnell, Skylar Pezel, Mia Brown, Mrs. Demass, and Amari Williams.

KAIROS k19

Megan Thomas 12

FOOTBALL CHEER

Front Row: Carson Scott, Megan Thomas. Second Row: Andre'A Martinez, Madeline Lauermann, Shaun Law, Bridget Meccia, Elizabeth Correa, Naliah Musenja. Back Row: Grace Krupchak, Aliana Quinones, Gianna Coduti, Sophia Krzyston, Grace Graziani, Kaliyah Brown.

Nicole Farmer 12

CP Invitational	10th Place
Hobart Invite	3rd Place
NCC Tri-Match	1st Place
KV	Tied
Hobart	2nd Place
Merrillville	1st Place
KV	2nd Place
Bishop Noll	Tied
Highland	2nd Place
Crown Point	2nd Place
Tri-Match	2nd Place
Griffith	2nd Place
NCC Tournment	6th Place
Marquette	2nd Place
IHSAA Sectionals	4th Place

GIRLS GOLF

Front Row: Nicole Farmer, Cassandra Moran, Madalyn Daly, Allison Shears, Lily Urbanski. Back Row: Skylar Pezel, Claire Osmulski, Julia Schutz, Sydney Kmetz.

Noah Hamilton 12

	US		THEM
W	3	Thomas A Edison Jr-Sr	0
L	1	Wheeler	4
L	0	Lowell	5
L	1	Highland	4
L	0	KV	6
W	5	East Chicago Central	0
L	0	Munster	5
L	1	Hobart	4
L	0	Calumet	4
W	3	Marquette	2
L	2	Illiana Christian	3
L	1	Portage	4
L	0	IHSAA Sectionals	5

Record: 3 - 10

BOYS TENNIS

Front Row: Joshua West, Alexander Kielbasa, Mark Sebben, Aidan Conley. Back Row: Peter Clements, Theodoros Vardaros, John DeMass, Matthew Thomas.

Nicholas Flesher 11

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Design by Helen Chen and Annie Keller

Front Row: Josephine LaMere, Elizabeth Karl, Madison Gibson, Jacalyn Roberts, Morgan Fornaciari. Back Row: Kathleen Cusick, Hannah Maurer, Molly Prisby, India Smith.

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

Mackenzie Rice 09

Front Row: Kristen Schutz, Ava Harris, Taylor Powell, Julia Lucas, Kara Schutz. Back Row: Annelise Allegretti, Gracie Pettit, Brooke Molson, Mackenzie Rice, Brooke Power.

JV VOLLEYBALL

Brooke Power 09

Front Row: Margaret Nicksic, Caleigh Doffin. Second Row: Erin Perry, Jillian Moynihan, Mia Brown, Arrayah Clark, Isabella DiTola. Back Row: Madison Kmetz, Audrey Nohos, Angelina Majchrowicz, Sydney Evans.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Record: 16 - 6

	US		Them		US		Them
L	0	@Crown Point	3	L	3	@Highland	0
W	3	Hanover Central	0	W	3	@BNI	0
W	3	@Lake Central	2	W	1	Marian Catholic	2
L	0	@Chesterton	3	L	3	@KV	0
W	3	Highland	0	W	0	@Munster	3
W	3	Marquette Catholic	0	W	3	Lowell	0
W	3	Wheeler	0	W	3	@Hobart	0
W	3	KV	0	W	3	Bowman Academy	0
L	1	Munster	3	L	3	BNI	0
W	3	@Lowell	0	W	3	Boone Groove	0
W	3	Hobart	0	W	1	Fairfield	3

Caleigh Doffin 10

Front Row: Adrian Diaz, Robert Stanley, Andres Allred, Cooper Bellich, Jaden Howard, Christopher Crooks, Evan Kuykendall, Colin Flesher, Benjamin Yovich, Tyler Hemmons. Second Row: Kaleb Abad, Joseph O'Donnell, Cody Stanley, Robert Gonzales, Vincent Allegretti, Dario Anaya, Jermel Loyd, Braylon Holland, Nacei Henderson, Nicolas Tovar, Ramiro Laster, Alex Rueth. Third Row: Coach Skinner, Jack Salzeider, Joel Wadas, Samuel Vickers, David Dravet, Bishop Byrd, Nicholas Flesher, Caleb Cox, Evan Gilligan, Dominic DiTola, Evan Hartman, Colton Shock, Owen Olenik, Thomas Marsh. Fourth Row: Evan Hintz, James Mantel, Ahmad Laster, Lorenzo Rivera, Eddie Bastardo, Nicholas Jakalski, Cameron Thornton, Armani Conway, Ian Urchell, Ryan Walsh. Back Row: Reeve Kustric, Daniel O'Shea, Drayk Bowen, Noah Hamilton, Darrell Snyder, Dh'mari Wright, Charles Russell, Jacob Anderson, Jayden Lynon, Adam Warren, Dylan Dubiel, Drake Bult, Adam Nieman.

Record: 10 - 4

	US		Them
L	20	@Merrillville	48
W	44	Hanover Central	23
L	10	@New Prarie	33
W	45	@Hammond	0
L	10	Hobart	33
W	49	Munster	6
W	30	KV	13
W	13	@Lowell	0
W	28	@Highland	21
W	41	@Bowman Academy	0
W	27	Boone Grove	0
W	44	Rensselaer Central	34
W	36	Lewis Cass	14
L	14	@Eastbrook	26

Dominic DiTola 10

Mary Dravet 10

CROSS COUNTRY

Front Row: Stephanie Tapia, Catherine Cespedes, Valerie Tyrka, Lilli Greiner, Angela Jones. Back Row: Matthew Meyer, Curtis Baum, Thomas Marsh, Dylan Nissan, Collin Crouch.

Lorena Trujillo 12

JV BOYS SOCCER

	US		THEM
L	1	@Marquette	3
L	0	@Culver	7
L	0	@Merrillville	2
L	0	Griffith	3
L	0	Highland	1
L	0	Munster	6
W	5	Hammond Academy	1
L	1	Portage	4
L	0	@KV	3
L	3	Illiana Christian	5
L	0	Wheeler	3
L	1	Hobart	2
L	2	Lowell	3
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W	2	Kouts	1
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Record: 3 - 13

Front Row: Kevin Than, Elijah Garcia, Kaleb Snyder, Jaylen Woodfaulk, Aurelio Castro. Second Row: Gabriel Novales, Tristan Stultz, Jackson Price, Ibrahim Muhammad, Jared San Antonio, Diego Ordonez. Back Row: Andres Allred, Nicholas Graziani, Joseph Meccia, Alejandro Munoz, Nathan Farmer, Evan Hartman, Leo Smith, Bryce LeGrand.

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Front Row: Tristan Stultz, Kaleb Snyder, Dylan Barthel, Joseph Cappello. Second Row: John Samels, Leo Smith, Christian Vega, Nicholas Graziani, Julian Najera, Gianni Ramirez. Back Row: Evan Hartman, Luke McQuestion, Dubem Adindu, Adam Tazic, Kelton Williams, Kennist Williams, James Moynihan, Samuel Ruiz.

	US		THEM		US		THEM
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L	0	@Portage	1	W	5	Merrillville	1
L	2	@Culver	4	L	2	Wheeler	3
T	1	Griffith	1	W	2	@Hobart	0
W	8	Marquette	0	L	0	@Lake Central	3
W	2	@Highland	1	L	0	@Lowell	2
W	2	@Hebron	0	W	5	Bishop Noll	2
T	3	Illiana Christian	3	W	2	Rensselaer Central	0
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Record: 8 - 8 - 2

Front Row: Vanessa Navarro, Isabella Cuadra, Claudia Nicksic, Dana Hernandez, Madalyn Clarkson, Courtney Grcevich. Second Row: Mary Dravet, Sabina Barnard, Lillieyne Tomson, Lilli Greiner, Autumn Bazelewski, Haley Nelson Lorena Trujillo, Sofia Ruiz, Molly Wantuch. Third Row: Oluchi Echeumuna, Cristina Martinez, Mia Dainton, Briana Houpt, Mary Mantel, Bridget Meccia, Naudia Steele. Back Row: Nicole Mobley, Hannah Preslin, Natalie Figlio, Emily Ziegelhofer, Annemarie Sherman, Faye Ochi, Peyton Horn.

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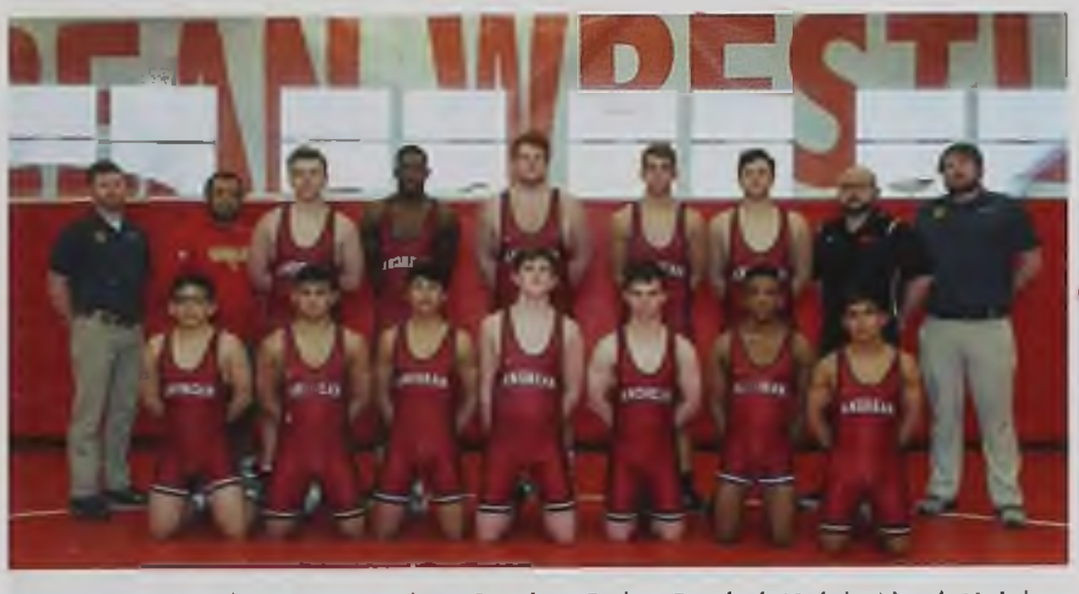

Front Row: Aurelio Castro, Robert Stanley, Dylan Barthel, Kaleb Abad, Kaleb Snyder, Christopher Crooks, Joseph Cappello. Back Row: Samuel Vickers, Jayden Lynon, Adam Warren, Ian Urchell, Alexander Castillo.

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Front Row: Preston Down, Evan Kuykendall, Benjamin Prisby, RoMelo McElroy, Andres Allred, Colin Flesher. Back Row: Nicholas Graziani, Bryce LeGrand, James Mantel, Angel Ramirez.

FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL

Front Row: Dominic DiTola, James Moynihan, James Bass, Eddie Bastardo, Samuel Ruiz. Back Row: Anthony Reynolds, Daniel O'Shea, Dh'mari Wright, Lucas Ruesken, Adam Tazic.

JV BOYS BASKETBALL

Front Row: Nicholas Flesher, Dahmian Cundiff, Dejai Bartz, Benjamin Jones, Anthony Reynolds, Robert Ballentine, Eric Goodes. Back Row: Arrayah Clark, Legacy Harris, Darrell Snyder, Gabriel Gillespie, Jacob Anderson, Deshon Burnett, Thomas Marsh, Erin Perry.

Record: 11 - 14

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L	48	@Chesterton	61	W	70	@Blackford	68
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L	56	@Michigan City	64	W	71	Hobart	40
W	69	Merrillville	63	W	63	@Gary West Side	67
W	70	KV	62	L	53	@Munster	59
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L	55	Bowman Academy	65				
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L	54	@Laf. Central Catholic	56				
W	56	@Highland	49				
W	70	@Griffith	43				
L	61	Bishop Noll	63				

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Natalie Figlio 12
Julia Schutz 11

Lauryn Swain 10

Cristina Martinez 09

Victoria Allen 09

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL

Front Row: Sarah Morley-Lozano, Ariana Garcia, Autumn Oliver, Hannah Maurer, Cristina Martinez, Bridget Sherman, Sydnee Oliver. Back Row: Molly Prisby, Hannah Preslin, Emily Ziegelhofer, Annelise Allegretti, Elizabeth Presnol.

	US		THEM		US		THEM
L	56	Portage	58	W	75	Illiana Christian	36
W	56	Hebron	24	W	54	Calumet New Tech	32
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W	46	Marian Catholic	32				
L	43	South Bend St. Joe	73				
W	54	@Hanover	34				
W	54	@Hobart	39				
W	74	Bowman Academy	20				
L	42	Lowell	46				

Record: 15 - 13

Front Row: Dyamond Blair, Peyton Horn, Victoria Allen, Lauryn Swain, Briana Houpt, Lauren Colon. Back Row: Abigail Foster, Natalie Figlio, Julia Schutz, Mary Mantel, Elizabeth Presnol.

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

National Spanish Honor Society

Front Row: Joel Wadas, Benjamin Yovich, Liana Abad, Erica Lick, Briana Houpt, Morgan Rudenga, Dana Hernandez, Mrs. Brandewie, Faven Parker, Oluchi Echeumuna, Skylar Pezel, Amari Williams
Not Pictured: Sophomores and Mrs. Noble-Urchel

Art Club

First Row. Mrs. Schmidt, Lily Urbanski, Claudia Nicksic, Gianna Wick, Sara Vaca, Zoe Irving, Zarya Alexander
Second Row: Curtis Baum, Gracie Pettit, Claire Osmulski, Allison Shears, Sophia Sainato-Pinkie, Natalie Struzik, Corianne Keenan, Luna Osaki, Madison Whitfield, Brooke Shearer, Benjamin Yovich Joshua West

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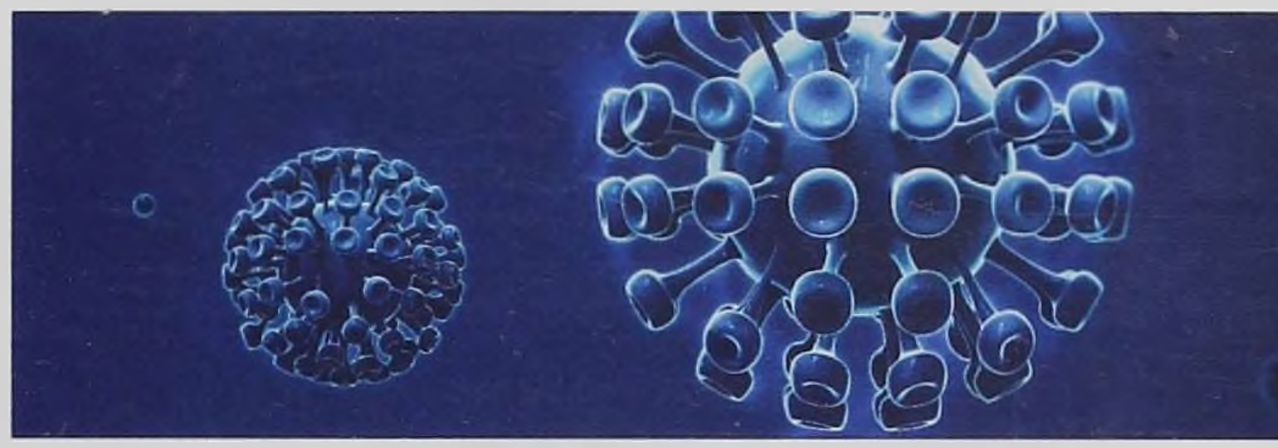
Staying Busy



To stay busy I have been playing board games with my family and watching tv.

To stay busy I watched a lot of shows and movies on Hulu.

I have been driving around the region, playing video games, spending time with family, and talking toto my friends.

I have been staying positive by focusing on a good diet and lifting weights often.

I have been exercising, hiking, started to cook, and adopted a new kitten

I've been going for runs and bike rides, and keeping in contact with friends.

& now it's your turn to reflect

which do you choose?

highlight or circle your preferences

Chick-fil-A or Popeye's Chicken?

Mac or PC?

Snapchat or Instagram?

Netflix or Hulu?

Converse or Vans?

Kanye West or Taylor Swift?

Stay up late to study for a test or wake up early?

Mountains or beach?

IU or Purdue?

Spring or Fall?

Starbucks or Dunkin?

Coke or Pepsi?

American Idol or The Voice?

Pulling weeds or unloading the dishwasher?

Mexican food or Italian?

Disney + or Apple TV +?

iPhone or Galaxy?

who's WHO

TEACHER EDITION

1. Which teacher *is the best dresser?*

2. Which teacher *tells the best jokes?*

3. Which teacher *is the most strict?*

4. Which teacher *has the most school spirit?*

5. Which teacher *is the most entertaining?*

This year _____

_____

_____

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I'll *never* forget
WHEN

my
twenty twenty
SUPERLATIVES

1. Most likely to become a stand-up comedian _____
2. Most likely to become a famous Youtuber _____
3. Most likely to win *The Voice* _____
4. Most likely to launch a fashion company _____
5. Most likely to become the US President _____
6. Most likely to find a cure for cancer _____
7. Most likely to become a millionaire _____
8. Most likely to become a Nascar driver _____
9. Most likely to go sky diving _____
10. Most likely to become a movie star _____

my favorites

flavor of ice cream

fast food restaurant

sit-down restaurant

show to binge-watch

youtuber

singer/band

place to study

video game

app

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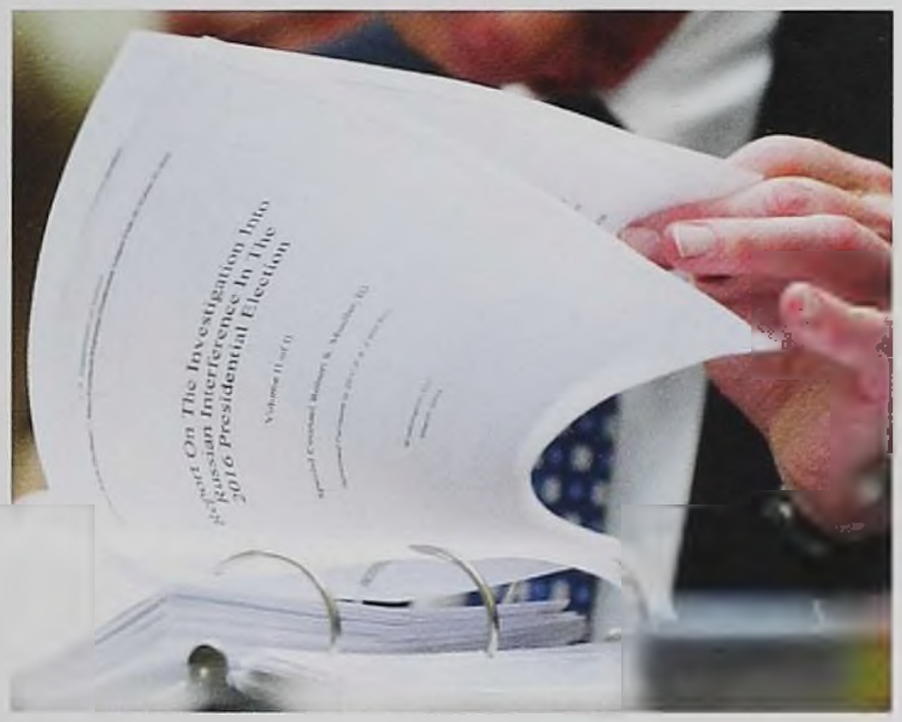
AMERICAN NEWS AND POLITICS

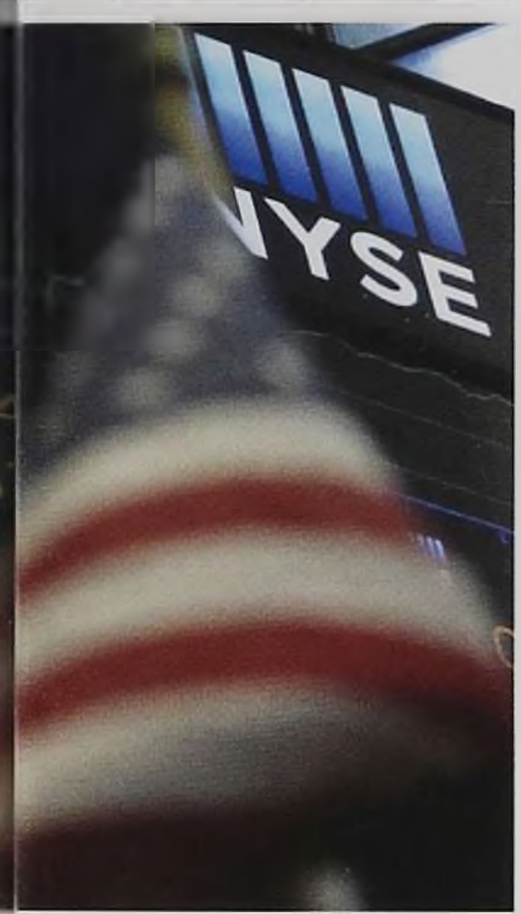
CAPITOL HILL **HAPPENINGS**

DONALD TRUMP DELIVERED the State of the Union address on Feb. 4, marking the conclusion of the third year of his presidency. Trump highlighted what he called "the Great American Comeback," focusing on topics such as the economy and low unemployment rates. His speech included a reunion between a soldier returning from Afghanistan, Sgt. 1st class Townsend Williams, and his family. He also awarded radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The following day, the Senate found Trump not guilty of abuse of power and obstruction of a congressional investigation. The impeachment process had begun on Sept. 24 when House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced a formal impeachment inquiry. Public hearings began in November. On Dec. 18, the House voted to impeach Trump and on Jan. 16 formally presented two articles of impeachment to the Senate.

PRESIDENT TRUMP CELEBRATED Senate approval of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) by a vote of 89-10 on Jan. 16. The trade pact received similar bipartisan support in the House in December. Trump and his team negotiated the USMCA to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which went into effect Jan. 1, 1989.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, went above 29,000 points. In other positive economic news, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released its monthly Employment Situation Report. The household survey showed that the unemployment rate fell to 3.5 percent in September, marking the 19th consecutive month at or below 4 percent unemployment. At 3.5 percent, the unemployment rate was the lowest it had been since May 1969, according to the report.

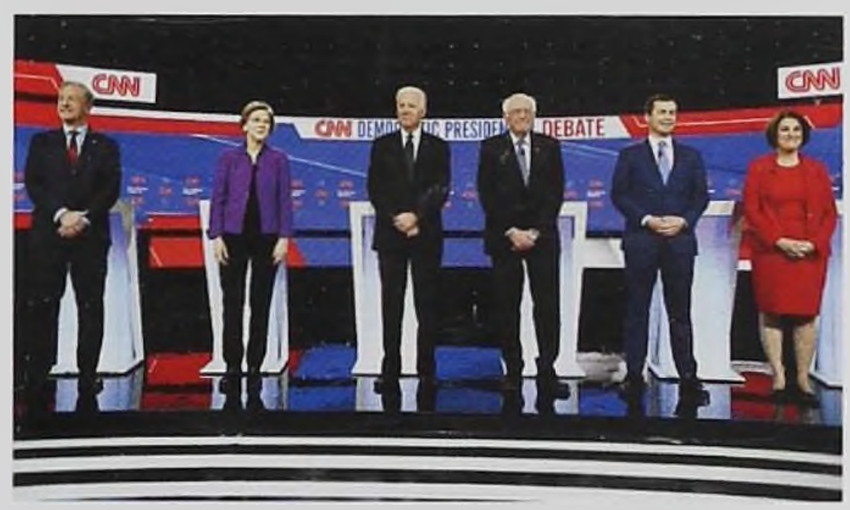




PLEADING NOT GUILTY, actress Lori Loughlin was one of several people who were arrested and charged in connection with a college admissions scandal. In March 2019, the Department of Justice announced that more than 50 individuals had been charged with allegations including cheating on standardized admissions tests and bribing admissions personnel. Actress Felicity Huffman spent 11 days in jail for her part in the scandal.
IN APRIL 2019, the Report on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election (more commonly known as the "Muller Report") was released to the public, although heavily redacted. Volume I of the report said that there was not sufficient evidence that the president's campaign "coordinated or conspired with the Russian government in its election-interference activities." Volume II of the report dealt with obstruction of justice and said that it, "does not conclude that the President committed a crime." However, it also said, "it also does not exonerate him."

MEASLES MOMENT

DESPITE BEING DECLARED ELIMINATED in 2000 by the Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. experienced an outbreak of measles in 2019. By October, more than 1,250 cases of the disease had been confirmed in 31 states. More than 75 percent of the cases were linked to outbreaks in New York, and the majority of the cases were among people who had not been vaccinated.



PRIMARY PROCEEDINGS

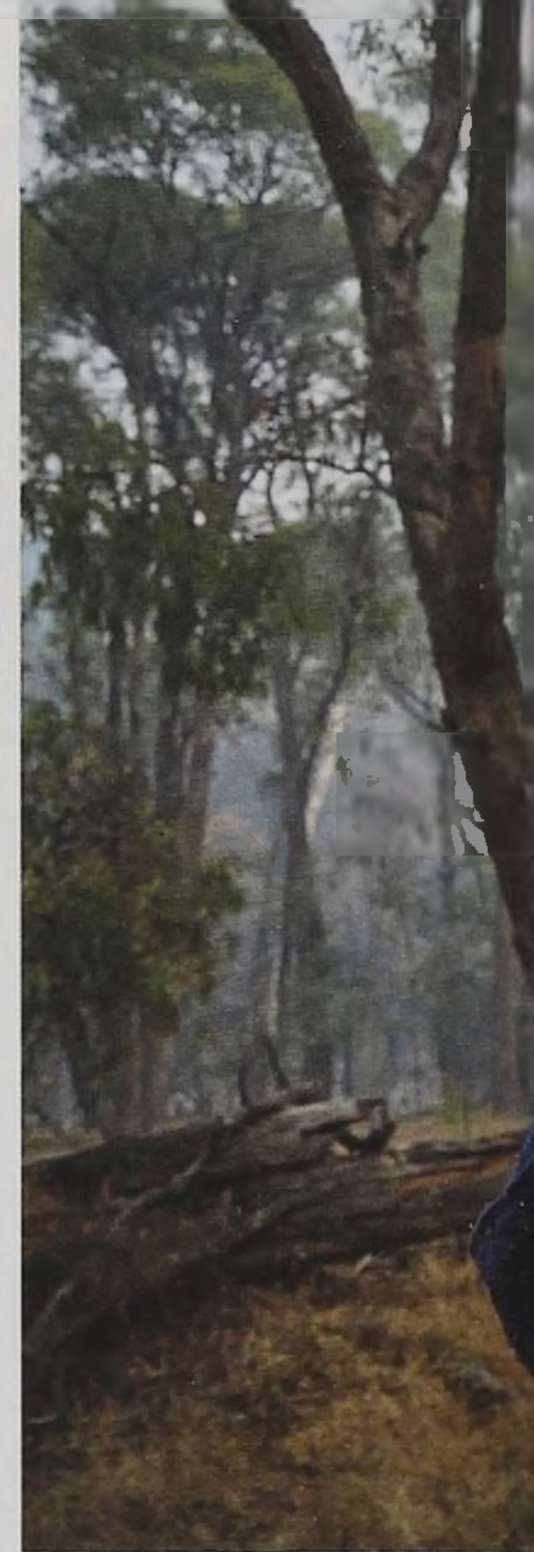
FOLLOWING THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE in Des Moines, candidates Tom Steyer, Senator Elizabeth Warren, former Vice President Joe Biden, Senator Bernie Sanders, Mayor Pete Buttigieg and Senator Amy Klobuchar officially entered the primary season on Feb. 3, 2020, which started with the Iowa caucus. The Democratic field for president was one of the most diverse and expansive in history. Within the original field of 30 candidates, there was a 40-year age difference. The eldest candidate was Sanders at 78, and the youngest were Buttigieg and Tulsi Gabbard at 38. The original field also included Asian-American candidate Andrew Yang, African-American candidates Deval Patrick, Kamala Harris and Wayne Messam, as well as five female candidates.

CAUSING A BUZZ

AS A JOKE, 21 year-old college student, Matty Roberts, posted a meme on Facebook about storming Area 51, and the meme went viral. Within days, nearly a million people had signed on to the event. But on Sept. 20 (the day of the planned event) only about 3,000 people actually attended. Because the military prepared for large crowds, the event was mostly without incident. Area 51 is the common name of a highly classified U.S. Military Installation in Nevada, which is the focus of many modern conspiracy theories involving aliens, due to its secretive nature and connection to classified aircraft research.

'CLIMATE**CRISIS'**

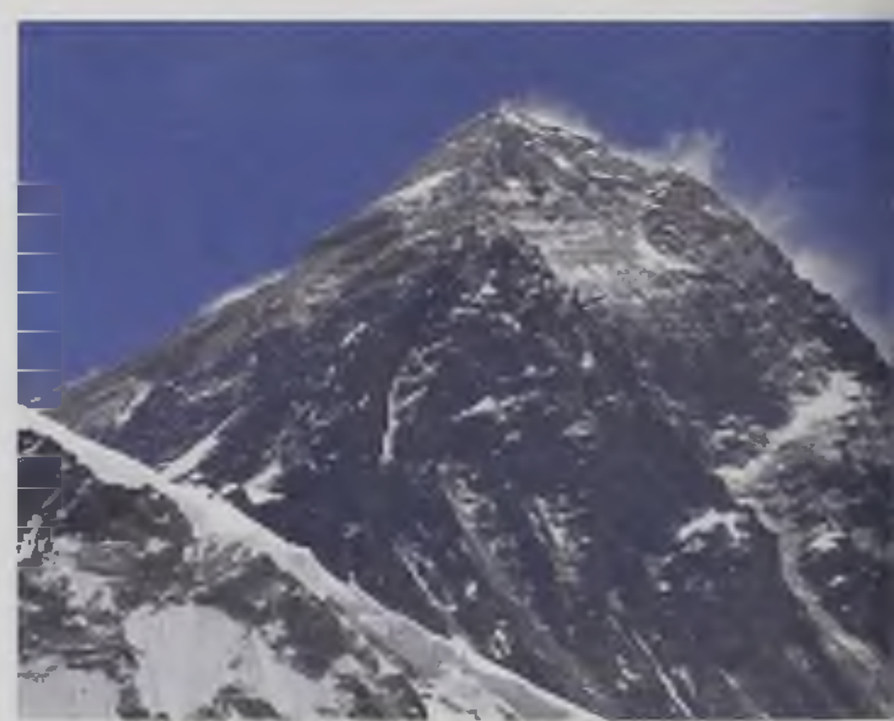
A MASSIVE ICEBERG that was bigger than Los Angeles, broke off the Amery Ice Shelf in Antarctica in October. It was the largest in more than 50 years. Named D-28 by scientists, it was 632 square miles, as tall as a 58-story building and weighed 315 billion tons. Because of its size, it had to be tracked as it could pose a hazard to shipping. **ELEVEN THOUSAND SCIENTISTS** from 153 nations, in a statement published in the journal Bioscience, warned that the world's population will face "untold suffering due to climate crisis" unless there are major transformations to global society. The statement read, "We declare clearly and unequivocally that planet Earth is facing a climate emergency. To secure a sustainable future, we must change how we live. [This] entails major transformations in the ways our global society functions and interacts with natural ecosystems." Lead author of the statement, Prof. William Ripple of Oregon State University, said he was driven to initiate it by the increase in extreme weather he was seeing.



LANDSCAPES THAT WERE ONCE TOO COLD for some insects to survive had been warming up, allowing many species to expand their ranges. Since the 1970s, insects in the warmer half of Britain had been moving northward at an average rate of around five meters per day.
ASPRIN CAN HELP YOUR LUNGS according to a study from Columbia, Harvard and Boston universities. The study provided evidence that nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), like aspirin, may lessen the adverse effects of air pollution exposure on lung function. Researchers found use of any NSAID reduced the effect of particulate matter on lung function by nearly one half.
IN A RARE DISCOVERY, researchers found five new bird species and five new subspecies in three small island groups off Sulawesi, Indonesia. (Common warbler pictured.)

EVEREST **THAW**

PLANT LIFE EXPANDED in the area surrounding Mount Everest, according to new research from the University of Exeter, which supported global warming theories. Using data from 1993 to 2018 from NASA's Landsat satellites, researchers measured small but significant increases in subnival vegetation, plants capable of growing underneath snow.



BUSHFIRES IN AUSTRALIA RAGED across the New South Wales territory September through January burning an estimated 21 million acres, destroying more than 2,500 buildings and killing 25 people as of Jan. 5. Smoke could be seen from as far away as New Zealand. Experts estimated that more than a billion animals — many unique to Australia — were affected or killed by the fires. Gusty, fickle winds, bone-dry air, dozens of already burning blazes and unusually high temperatures combined to elevate wildfire risks to "catastrophic levels," according to the New South Wales Rural Fire Service and the country's Bureau of Meteorology. The bushfires were regarded by the NSW Rural Fire Service as the worst bushfire season in memory.

CLIMATE AND CATASTROPHE

SCIENCE AND WEATHER

TEEN TRIUMPH

WITH A NEW METHOD for removing microplastics from water, Irish 18-year-old Fionn Ferreira won the Google Science Fair and $50,000. Microplastics are tiny particles often included in soaps, shower gels and scrubs to exfoliate skin. They can also come off of fabric during washing. They make their way through filters and into water where they become concentrated in fish that humans consume. The Google Science Fair launched in 2011 and was open to teens 13–18. It was also sponsored by LEGO, Virgin Galactic, National Geographic and Scientific American.

DORIAN'S **DAMAGE**

A CATEGORY 5 STORM, Hurricane Dorian hit Grand Bahama Island Sept. 2 then stalled, dumping an estimated three feet of rain and lashing the island with its 185-mile-per-hour winds before finally pulling away from the island on Sept. 3. Damage was estimated at more than $3.4 billion, and there were at least 61 deaths in the country. Another 282 people were listed as missing.

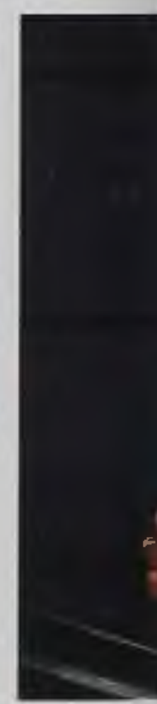
WHAT IN THE WORLD

GLOBAL TOPICS AND CONCERNS

CHANGE IN ASIA

MILLIONS OF DEMONSTRATORS marched in Hong Kong in June 2019. They were protesting the Hong Kong government's proposal to change the extradition law. While the government eventually backed down and announced it would suspend the bill, protests continued amid complaints that the government could reinstate it whenever it wished to do so. **FOR THE FIRST TIME** in more than two centuries, an emperor of Japan stepped down from the Chrysanthemum Throne. Emperor Akihito abdicated his title in June 2019, which marked the end of the Heisei era and, a day later, his son was pronounced the new emperor, beginning the Reiwa era.

ONE OF THE FINEST EXAMPLES of French Gothic architecture, the 850-year-old Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, suffered major damage on April 15, 2019, when a fire broke out during renovations. The iconic spire and a large part of its roof were destroyed in the fire. Pledges to support the reconstruction of the landmark topped $1 billion. **IN ONLY THE SECOND CASE** of its kind, a stem cell transplant made a London patient's HIV "undetectable." Doctors reported that he was in remission for 18 months and stopped taking HIV drugs. Although experts suggest it was too early to say he was completely cured, this marked a step closer to finding a cure. **DRUG LORD JOAQUIN 'EL CHAPO' GUZMAN** was found guilty by a New York jury, in February 2019, on all counts of drug trafficking, money laundering and murder. He was sentenced to life in prison and was taken to ADX Florence, a supermax prison in Colorado, where it was hoped the location would prevent any escape attempts in the future. **AVIATION AUTHORITIES** from around the globe decided to ground the Boeing 737 MAX in March 2019 after two separate accidents killed 346 people. In each accident, the plane experienced repeated nose dives during which the pilots were unable to control the aircraft. Boeing estimated the total costs for the grounding to be $18.6 billion.



BRITISH BREAKDOWN

AFTER PRIME MINISTER Theresa May resigned over an inability to secure a lasting Brexit deal with the European Union, Boris Johnson was elected Prime Minister with a convincing victory over his competitor, Jeremy Hunt. One of Johnson's promises was to get a Brexit deal done by Oct. 31. While that didn't happen, a vote did occur in December. Officially, Britain left the EU on Jan. 31, 2020.
SEVENTH IN LINE for the British throne, Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor was born on May 6 to Prince Harry and Meghan, Duke and Duchess of Sussex. In January, the royal couple announced they intended to "step back" as senior members of the royal family and divide their time between North America and the UK.

ARMS AMENDMENT

IN THE WAKE of the March 15, 2019, mosque shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand, which left 51 people dead and 49 injured, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced gun laws would change. On April 10, the Arms Amendment Act of 2019 passed, banning semi-automatic firearms, magazines and parts. A buy-back program was included.

INTERNATIONAL ISSUE

A CORONAVIRUS, which had its beginning in the city of Wuhan, China, spread worldwide. Within a matter of weeks, the virus had overtaken the 2003 SARS epidemic, and on Jan. 30 the World Health Organization had declared the coronavirus a public health emergency of international concern. Nearly 500 were reported dead as of February.

CANADA HELD ITS 43RD GENERAL ELECTION in October and the Liberal Party, led by Justin Trudeau, won 157 seats to form a minority government, losing the majority they had won in the 2015 election. This marks only the second time in Canada's history that the governing party will form a government while receiving less than 35 percent of the national popular vote.

YOUTHFUL VOICE

TIME MAGAZINE'S person of the year, Greta Thunberg, a 17-year-old climate activist, paid a visit to the Americas in August. She traveled to the U.S. on a 60 ft. racing yacht equipped with solar panels and underwater turbines, an example of carbon neutral transportation. While in the U.S., Thunberg spoke at the United Nations and participated in numerous climate protests in more than eight cities across North America.

GAMER GEAR

THE RAZER KISHI was voted the most popular new gadget at the 2020 Consumer Electronics Show. The Kishi plugged directly into Androids or iPhones and turned the device into a gamepad. The Kishi came with a "universal fit" thanks to its Gamevice belt on the back, which stretched to accommodate most smartphones. When players were done with the controller, the belt could be tucked away as the two halves clamped together.

GIANTS STUMBLE

SERVER OUTAGES from major corporations controlling massive amounts of data popped up all over in 2019. In May and June, cloud services for Microsoft, Google and Cloudflare experienced multi-hour outages. In July, Slack, the popular collaboration platform, suffered disruptions, forcing workers to find alternative ways to communicate, such as actually having to talk to each other. **FACEBOOK AGREED** to pay a $5 billion penalty to settle Federal Trade Commission allegations that the social media company mishandled user privacy practices and lost control over huge amounts of user data. The record fine was the most visible example of a growing wave of scrutiny and anticipated investigations of tech giants, such as Facebook, Amazon, Google and Apple in areas such as privacy and antitrust actions.

NASA ASTRONAUTS Christina Koch and Jessica Meir(pictured) made the first ever all-female spacewalk together. The two replaced a battery charge/discharge unit that failed to activate after new lithium-ion batteries were installed outside the International Space Station.

EARTH AND MARS have a common characteristic: salt lakes that have gone through wet and dry periods. An international team of scientists, including a researcher from Texas A&M University, identified the similarities between Earth and Mars' Gale Crater, an immense 95-mile-wide rocky basin that is being explored with the NASA Curiosity rover as part of the Mars Science Laboratory mission.

TALKING TECHNOLOGY

INNOVATION AND ADVANCES

DEEP DARK SPACE

THE FIRST IMAGE OF A BLACK HOLE was revealed by Chinese astronomers. The black hole, located in the heart of the Messier 87 galaxy, is 500 million trillion kilometers away and is nearly 3 million times larger than Earth. For reference, Earth's sun is only about 1.3 million times the size of Earth.

PRIVATE SPACE TRAVEL through SpaceX, an American company owned by Elon Musk, came closer to actually launching a rocket with passengers as it successfully completed a test of its capsule. SpaceX needed to still pass static fire tests, which would allow astronauts to escape in an explosion or launch problem. Boeing also had a competing spacecraft, the Starliner, which successfully tested its launch abort system in the New Mexico desert in early November.
CHINA BECAME THE FIRST NATION to successfully soft-land a spacecraft on the far side of the moon. The far (dark) side of the moon never faces Earth, so any mission there required a relay satellite. The mission's goal was to study the age and composition of the far side and get more information about the early solar system.

FINAL FRONTIER

CREATING A NEW MILITARY SERVICE called the U.S. Space Force, President Trump signed the National Defense Authorization Act into law in December. The first new branch of the military established since 1947, Space Force was organized within the Department of the Air Force. Gen. John "Jay" Redmond was the first commander.

THE FORCE IS STRONG

IN A DEAL worth up to $10 billion, the Department of Defense awarded the much-contested JEDI (Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure) cloud contract to Microsoft in October 2019. The 10-year project would transform and modernize the military's computing systems. Competitors Amazon, IBM and Oracle had also been in the running for the contract, and, in February 2020, Amazon's lawyers convinced a federal judge to put a temporary hold on the contract, citing bias. Earlier in the year Oracle had filed suit, arguing that the contract should not be awarded to a single vendor and that they believed Amazon Web Services had recruited government officials to influence the award.

THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS, led by 24-year-old quarterback Patrick Mahomes, scored 21 points in the final quarter of Super Bowl LIV to secure the team's first Super Bowl win in 50 years. Mahomes, who earned MVP honors, joined Ben Roethlisberger and Tom Brady as the only quarterbacks to win the Lombardi Trophy before their 25th birthdays. Kansas City coach, Andy Reid, collected his first Super Bowl victory. Opposing quarterback, Jimmy Garoppolo, who had won two previous Super Bowls as backup quarterback for the New England Patriots, suffered his first Super Bowl loss.

FOCUS ON FIRSTS

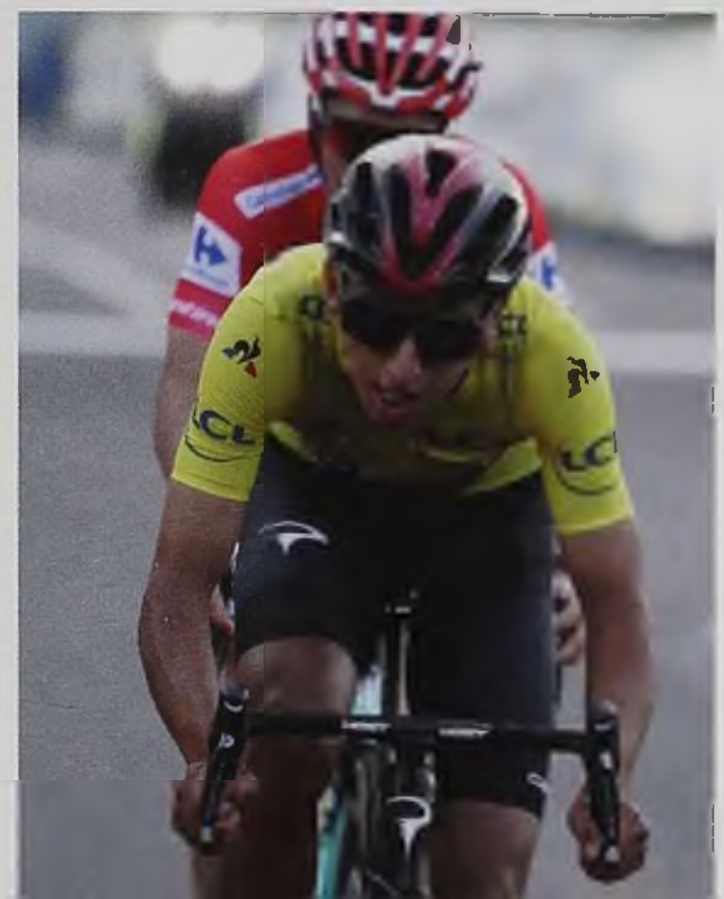
IN OCTOBER, Kenyan marathoner Eliud Kipchoge became the first human to run a marathon-distance event in under two hours. It was not an official marathon, however, as there were no other participants, and Eliud ran behind a team of other runners who formed a wind-blocking formation in front of him. At the Rio Olympics in 2016, he took the gold medal in the marathon.

BIANCA ANDREESCU OF CANADA and Rafael Nadal of Spain became the 2019 U.S. Open tennis champions. It was Rafael's fourth U.S. Open title and Bianca's first, as well as the first time a Canadian won a Grand Slam tournament.

IN JANUARY 2020, a helicopter crash near the southern California town of Calabasas killed basketball legend Kobe Bryant, along with eight other passengers, including his daughter, 13-year-old Gianna. Considered one of the all-time greatest basketball players, Bryant won five NBA titles with the Los Angeles Lakers and retired in 2016 after scoring 60 points in his final game. **TAKING HOME A HISTORIC FOURTH WIN,** the U.S. Women's Soccer Team claimed the World Cup in July. Controversy followed when the team filed a gender discrimination lawsuit against the U.S. Soccer Federation contesting low pay compared to the U.S. Men's National Team. **IN A HARD-FOUGHT SEVEN-GAME SERIES,** the St. Louis Blues triumphed over the Boston Bruins in the NHL finals. While it was the Blues' fourth time in the Stanley Cup Finals, it was the first time they ever won the championship. **WITH A 6-2 WIN** over the Houston Astros, the Washington Nationals won the World Series in October, the first championship in the franchise's history. The team entered the postseason as a wild card team, beating both the Los Angeles Dodgers and the St. Louis Cardinals to advance.

GRIDIRON GREATS

THE UNDEFEATED Louisiana State University Tigers took on the undefeated Clemson Tigers and won the College Football Playoff national championship 42-25 in New Orleans on Jan. 13. LSU quarterback Joe Burrow broke the single-season passing touchdown record during the game (he finished with 60), and the win broke Clemson's winning streak after 29 games. Burrow capped his Heisman-winning season with impressive stats for the game. 463 passing yards, 58 rushing yards and six total touchdowns.



THE YOUNGEST RIDER TO WIN the Tour De France in 110 years, Egan Bernal, 22, was also the first Latin American to win the race. Bernal was promoted to lead rider for his team when team leader Chris Froome was injured in a crash. Bernal took the lead in the 19th stage.

ATHLETIC ACTION

PLAYMAKERS AND RECORD-BREAKERS

HARDCOURT HEROES

AFTER A GAME SEVEN BUZZER-BEATER, the first in NBA playoff history, the Toronto Raptors advanced to the NBA Finals. The team then beat the Golden State Warriors four games to two. It was the first championship in the Raptors' history. **UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA,** just one year after becoming the first No. 1 seed to ever lose to a No. 16 seed in the NCAA basketball tournament, won the national championship in 2019. They held off Texas Tech to win 85–77 in overtime.

MUSIC MAKERS

BIG NAMES AND BIG NOTES

SUPER SINGERS

THE 2020 SUPER BOWL HALFTIME SHOW featured performers Shakira and Jennifer Lopez. The selection of the two Latina pop icons was deemed a perfect fit for Super Bowl LIV since the game was held in Miami.

WITH A HISTORIC SWEEP, 18-year-old singer Billie Eilish took the four biggest prizes at the 2020 Grammy Awards: best new artist, record of the year, album of the year and song of the year. She was the youngest solo performer to ever win album of the year. She also became the first woman and second person ever to win record of the year, album of the year, song of the year and best new artist in the same year.

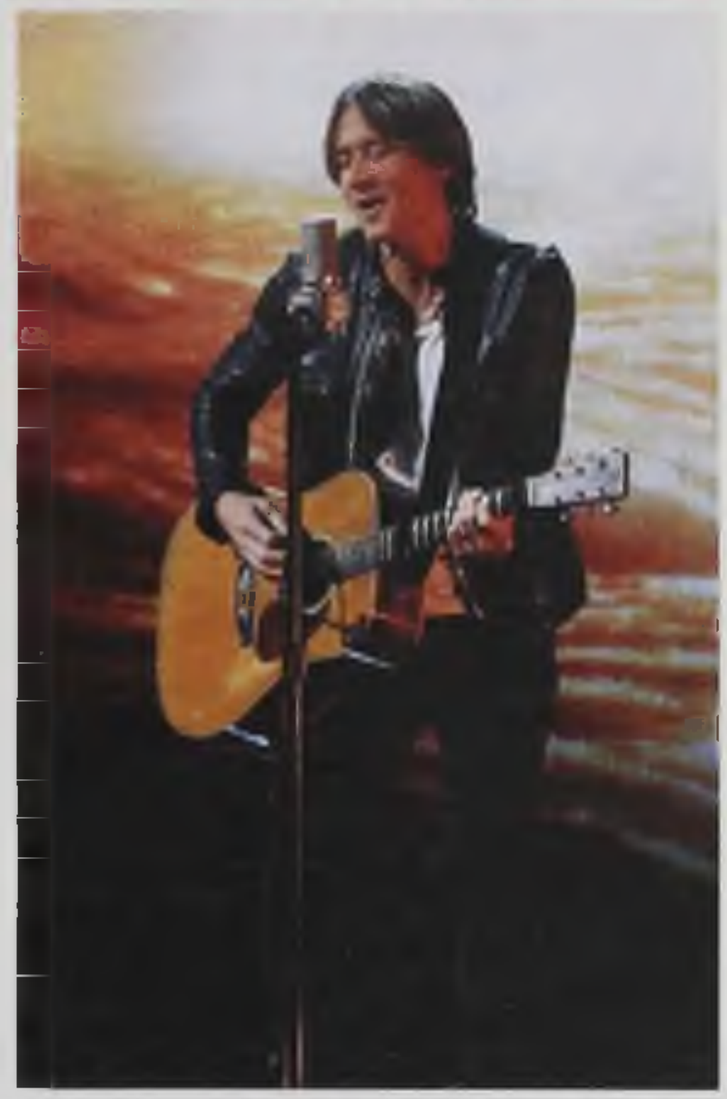
HEADLINE GRABBERS

AT THE MTV VMAS, Taylor Swift was awarded top video of the year for "You Need to Calm Down." Swift was named artist of the decade by the American Music Association in 2019. She was also nominated for three Grammys. **FORBES ANNOUNCED** that Rihanna had a $600 million net worth, which made her the world's wealthiest female musician. In addition to her recording career, she had the Fenty clothing and makeup lines.

TIME MAGAZINE'S Entertainer of the Year, Lizzo, received eight Grammy nominations, more than any other artist. Her relentlessly-positive, often bawdy performances and lyrics earned her three Grammy awards.

NINTH TIME'S A CHARM

AFTER BEING NOMINATED nine times for the Academy of Country Music's entertainer of the year and never winning, Keith Urban broke that streak in 2019. The Australian country music star took home the trophy at the ACM Awards in April 2019. "I've been nominated nine times, and at some point, I came to terms and accepted that the nomination is the award," he told reporters after the win. "I don't know how things go that way sometimes. I love what I get to do and put everything into it, and I know all the others do, too, so thank you."



LIL NAS X MADE IT INTO THE RECORD BOOKS in 2019 with his hit single, "Old Town Road." The song, featuring Billy Ray Cyrus, charted at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 for the 17th consecutive week to become the longest running No. 1 on the chart ever. It also won best pop duo/group performance and best music video at the Grammys.

ARIANA GRANDE MADE HISTORY in February 2019 by becoming the first act to land the No. 1, 2 and 3 spots simultaneously on the Billboard Hot 100 chart since The Beatles did it in 1964. She was also the first solo act to ever achieve this feat. Ariana's top three were "7 rings," "break up with your girlfriend, i'm bored" and "thank u, next."

2019 BEST-SELLING VIDEO GAMES ACCORDING TO NPD GROUP

1. Call of Duty: Modern Warfare
2. NBA 2K20
3. Madden NFL 20
4. Borderlands 3
5. Mortal Kombat 11
6. Star Wars Jedi: Fallen Order
7. Super Smash Bros. Ultimate*
8. Kingdom Hearts III
9. Tom Clancy's The Division 2
10. Mario Kart 8*

*digital sales not included

BATTLE BUDDIES

THE VIDEO GAME "FORTNITE," initially released in 2017, had become a cultural phenomenon by 2019 after nearly 250 million players had downloaded "Fortnite Battle Royal." Unlike many games, downloading was free, and it was available on any gadget that would run a video game. Epic Games also developed organized eSports competitions around the game, such as the inaugural $30 million Fortnite World Cup tournament, which took place in July.

NUMBER GAMES

WITHIN JUST THE SECOND WEEKEND of its release, "Avengers: Endgame" became the fastest movie ever to reach the $2 billion mark. It toppled the ticket sales of "Titanic," which stood at $2.18 billion, in 11 days and by the end of July (the film was released in May) "Endgame" had sales of $2.79 billion, surpassing the previous all-time leader in sales, "Avatar," ($2.78 billion). **WITH A RECORD 32 NOMINATIONS,** "Game of Thrones" had the most mentions at the 71st Emmy Awards.

TOUGH TREBEK

WITH NO PLANS TO RETIRE, game show host Alex Trebek announced on March 6, 2019, that he had been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. While juggling periods of near remission and chemotherapy, Trebek hosted the "Greatest of All Time" tournament and the "Tournament of Champions."

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS HISTORY, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences named a foreign film as best picture. At the 92nd ceremony in February, the South Korean film "Parasite" also won best director (Bong Joon Ho), best original screenplay and best international film.

THE CHILD, AKA BABY YODA, was the real sweetheart of the screen. The Star Wars character made his appearance in "The Mandalorian," a new Disney+ series, but isn't actually a young version of Yoda. While The Child is the same species as Yoda, his role remained somewhat of a mystery. There are no spoilers here, or at Disney, which decided to hold off on releasing toys and swag until after the series launched.

STREAM TEAM

Both Disney and Apple rolled out new streaming services in 2019 to compete with Netflix and HBO. Apple's service, called Apple TV+, and Disney's service, called Disney+, each offered exclusive and original content for a similar monthly fee.

SCREEN TIME

ENTERTAINMENT AND AWARDS

IN "A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD," Tom Hanks portrayed beloved TV personality Mr. Rogers and brought a message of forgiveness, acceptance and kindness to the fall 2019 movie line-up. Based on a true story, the film was praised by audiences. It received nominations at the Golden Globes, Critics' Choice, Screen Actors Guild Awards, BAFTA Awards and the Academy Awards. **THE FINAL INSTALLMENT** in the Star Wars movie saga, "The Rise of Skywalker," was released in December. The film included appearances from several members of the original series, including Mark Hamill as Luke Skywalker, Billy Dee Williams as Lando Calrissian and Carrie Fisher as Leia Organa. Fisher, who died in late 2016, appeared through the use of unreleased footage from previous movies.

BOX OFFICE BUSTERS

"Avengers Endgame"

"The Lion King"

"Toy Story 4"

"Frozen II"

"Captain Marvel"

NOTABLE TRENDS

WORLD-WIDE ODDS AND ENDS

WHERE'S THE **BEEF?**

BURGER KING INTRODUCED the Impossible Whopper, a meatless burger the company claimed to be "the twin" to the regular Whopper. The plant-based patty was made mostly from soy protein, potato protein, coconut oil, sunflower oil and heme, which gives the burger its taste. Beyond being tasty and plant-based, the Impossible company said their products, which included an Impossible pork, were packed with protein, animal-free and good for the Earth.

HASHTAG TRENDING

FLIP OR FLOP? Two phones with foldable screens, the Galaxy Fold and Huawei Mate X, became available to the general public in 2019. At nearly twice the price of other smartphones, the Galaxy was meant to provide the features of a slim phone when folded, but reveal a more tablet-like experience when unfolded. The initial launch of the Galaxy Fold met with some troubles when early reviewers got the phones and tried to peel what they thought was a protective film off of the phone's double screen, but in fact they were damaging the actual screen.

CLASSIC BLUE, or Pantone 4052, was chosen as the Pantone Color Institute's color of the year in 2020. In making the choice, the team drew upon art, fashion and home goods. Living Coral and Ultra Violet were the colors 2019 and 2018, respectively.

WITH MORE THAN 1.5 BILLION DOWNLOADS and 500 million active users worldwide, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity. The short-form video app was most popular with 16- to 24-year-olds and had the highest number of users in India and China. It was also one of the few leading social media apps not owned by Facebook. Some in the U.S. raised concerns regarding the app's roots in China and how much access and influence the Chinese government had to TikTok's user data. The app was a social networking service where users shared videos covering a wide range of categories, including lip syncing, comedic skits and viral challenges.

THE MASKED SINGER was the highest-rated new series of the year. Based on a Korean game/reality show, singers wore elaborate costumes to conceal their identities and used voice changers to hide their speaking voices. A panel of judges used their performances and clues to try to guess the celebrities behind the masks.

FULL TEXT OF THE POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE ON GEORGE FLOYD

june 3, 2020 general audience at the Vatican

I greet the English-speaking faithful joining us through the media.

Dear brothers and sisters in the United States, I have witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest in your nation in these past days, following the tragic death of Mr George Floyd.

MY FRIENDS, WE CANNOT TOLERATE OR TURN A BLIND EYE TO RACISM AND EXCLUSION IN ANY FORM AND YET CLAIM TO DEFEND THE SACREDNESS OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE.

At the same time, we have to recognise that "the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost".

Today I join the Church in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and in the entire United States, in praying for the repose of the soul of George Floyd and of all those others who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism. Let us pray for the consolation of their grieving families and friends and let us implore the national reconciliation and peace for which we yearn. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, intercede for all those who work for peace and justice in your land and throughout the world.

May God bless all of you and your families.

http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/06/03/200603a.html

STATEMENT OF U.S. BISHOPS' PRESIDENT ON GEORGE FLOYD AND THE PROTESTS IN AMERICAN CITIES

May 31, 2020

WASHINGTON Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has issued a statement on George Floyd and the protests in American cities that have taken place over the last several days. This follows the Friday statement from seven U.S. bishop chairmen of committees within the USCCB.

Archbishop Gomez's full statement follows:

The killing of George Floyd was senseless and brutal, a sin that cries out to heaven for justice. How is it possible that in America, a black man's life can be taken from him while calls for help are not answered, and his killing is recorded as it happens?

I am praying for George Floyd and his loved ones, and on behalf of my brother bishops, I share the outrage of the black community and those who stand with them in Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and across the country. The cruelty and violence he suffered does not reflect on the majority of good men and women in law enforcement, who carry out their duties with honor. We know that. And we trust that civil authorities will investigate his killing carefully and make sure those responsible are held accountable.

We should all understand that the protests we are seeing in our cities reflect the justified frustration and anger of millions of our brothers and sisters who even today experience humiliation, indignity, and unequal opportunity only because of their race or the color of their skin. It should not be this way in America. Racism has been tolerated for far too long in our way of life.

IT IS TRUE WHAT REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SAID, THAT RIOTS ARE THE LANGUAGE OF THE UNHEARD. WE SHOULD BE DOING A LOT OF LISTENING RIGHT NOW. THIS TIME, WE SHOULD NOT FAIL TO HEAR WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING THROUGH THEIR PAIN. WE NEED TO FINALLY ROOT OUT THE RACIAL INJUSTICE THAT STILL INFECTS TOO MANY AREAS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY.

But the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us keep our eyes on the prize of true and lasting change.

Legitimate protests should not be exploited by persons who have different values and agendas. Burning and looting communities, ruining the livelihoods of our neighbors, does not advance the cause of racial equality and human dignity.

We should not let it be said that George Floyd died for no reason. We should honor the sacrifice of his life by removing racism and hate from our hearts and renewing our commitment to fulfill our nation's sacred promise to be a beloved community of life, liberty, and equality for all.

http://www.usccb.org/news/2020/20-84.cfm

WORLDWIDE IMPACT

COVID-19

WHAT IS SOCIAL **DISTANCING?**

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL asked everyone to take intentional actions to avoid passing the coronavirus from person to person. Anyone who didn't feel well was asked to stay home. In day-to-day life, social distancing meant staying away from places people gather and staying at least six feet from other people. That meant no eating in restaurants, no movies or plays and no attending sports events. For younger kids, it meant no playgrounds, playdates or sleepovers. For adults, it meant no trips to the gym, salons or restaurants. The CDC also advised that people cancel all non-essential appointments, including surgeries or medical procedures that weren't critical.

» HOW WE DEALT WITH THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS

First steps

- Limited travel out of the country was a first step.
- Experts suggested self-quarantining for those who had recently traveled or were feeling sick.
- New cruise travel was canceled and passengers returning from foreign cruises were quarantined.

SEVERE MEASURES

STATES WITH HIGH LEVELS of positive COVID-19 tests began issuing shelter-in-place orders. Residents were only allowed to leave their homes for essential tasks such as getting food or seeking medical help.

» HOW COMPANIES HELPED

- Many companies that offer online learning resources and services, started allowing teachers to use their resources at no charge.
- Adobe began making its Creative Cloud software available for students to use at no charge.
- Burger King started giving away free kids meals to help make up for children who are not being fed because they are not in school.
- U-Haul offered 30 days of free storage for college students who had to move out of their dorms with little notice.
- Many grocery stores began providing senior-only shopping hours so that older citizens could shop with less chance of being exposed to the virus.
- Big box stores, such as Walmart, adjusted store hours so employees could properly clean and sanitize the store and restock the shelves.
- Cosmetics and liquor companies both have alcohol on hand, and some opted to make hand sanitizer at their facilities.
- Companies, such as Apple and Facebook, that had extra masks left over from the California wildfires donated them to hospitals.

Next steps
- Schools closed with varying reports of trying to resume later in the spring. Students began online learning.
- People who could began working from home and managing their homebound students.
- All sports — from Little League to professional — and entertainment including Broadway and television shows with a live audience, suspended operation.
- States limited gatherings — first large gatherings, such as conferences, and then even small gatherings of 10 or more people. This effectively closed restaurants causing many to convert to take-out only.

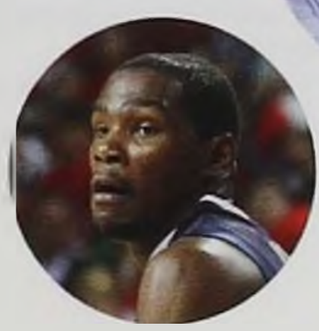
» NOTABLE NAMES TEST POSITIVE

Public figures:
- Prince Charles, heir to the British throne
- Rand Paul, U.S. senator from Kentucky
- Sophie Trudeau, wife of Canadian Prime Minister
- Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson, actors
- Idris Elba, actor
- Kristofer Hivju, actor
- Daniel Dae Kim, actor
- Andy Cohen, actor/host

NBA players:
- Rudy Gobert and Donovan Mitchell, Utah Jazz
- Kevin Durant, Brooklyn Nets
- Christian Wood, Detroit Pistons
- Marcus Smart, Boston Celtics
- Numerous players and staffers from the Brooklyn Nets, Denver Nuggets, Philadelphia 76ers and Los Angeles Lakers organizations

Tom Hanks

Sophie Trudeau


Kevin Durant

AS OF MARCH 27, 2020

» IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Most memorable closure and date

One thing you did at home

Best movie you watched

Most fun you had

TOILET PAPER **HOARDING**

AS FEARS ROSE over the idea of shelter-in-place orders and quarantine, toilet paper became scarce as consumers decided to clear shelves of TP, hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies. Retailers resorted to limiting the number of packs that could be purchased at one time. We weren't alone, according to CNN, stores in Australia hired security guards to keep the peace in the TP aisles.

TP by the numbers:
- About 90 percent of the TP sold in the U.S. is also made in the U.S.
- The average person uses about 100 rolls each year.
- Approximately 75 percent of the world's population doesn't use TP.
- They do use TP on the International Space Station.
- Normal daily production is more than 83 million rolls per day.
- In the U.S., packaged TP first became available in 1957.
- One company advertised splinter-free TP in 1935.

HERFF JONES.

COVID-19 TIMELINE

A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

The family of viruses known as the coronaviruses caused sicknesses ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome), MERS (Middle East respiratory syndrome) and COVID-19, which was first identified in Wuhan, China. Symptoms included fever, cough and trouble breathing. Most developed only mild symptoms, but some people, usually those with other medical conditions, developed more severe symptoms, which were sometimes fatal.

DEC. 31–JAN. 7

- **Dec. 31:** China reports a cluster of pneumonia cases associated with the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market in Wuhan, China. By Jan. 3, the case numbers grow to 44 with 11 severely ill.
- **Jan. 7:** World Health Organization (WHO) officials confirm illness is a new form of coronavirus. Incident Management System is established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

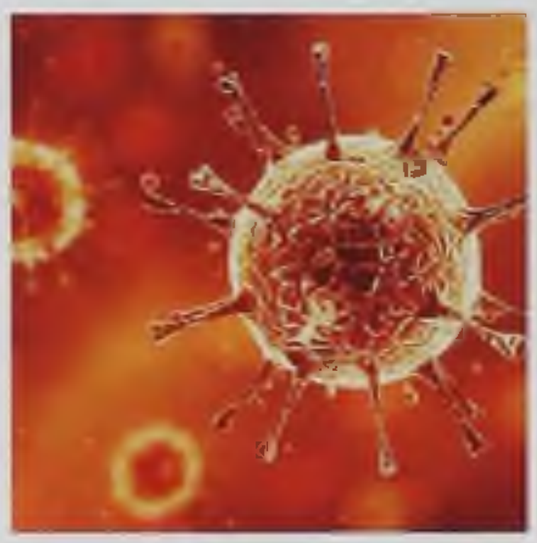
JAN. 11–23

- **Jan. 11:** China confirms first death from coronavirus.
- **Jan. 13:** Thailand reports first confirmed case of virus.
- **Jan. 15:** Japan reports first confirmed case.

» FIRST U.S. CASE

- **Jan. 21:** Washington state announces first confirmed case in the United States.
- **Jan. 23:** Chinese officials close off Wuhan, China (population of more than 11 million).

JAN. 30–FEB. 2



- **Jan. 30:** WHO declares a "public health emergency of international concern."
- **Jan. 31:** The U.S. declares a public health emergency and establishes restrictive mandatory quarantine guidelines for travelers arriving at major airports. Trump administration suspends entry into the United States by any foreign nationals who had traveled to China in the last 14 days.
- **Feb. 2:** First death outside of China due to the virus is reported in Philippines.

FEB. 5

- More than 3,600 passengers are quarantined aboard the Diamond Princess cruise ship in Yokohama, Japan, after numerous passengers test positive for the virus. The number of people who tested positive onboard was the largest number of coronavirus cases outside of China to date.

FEB.6

- Chinese ophthalmologist Li Wenliang, who worked treating coronavirus victims, dies after contracting the virus. Dr. Li first warned that the cluster of infections could spin out of control, but was forced to sign a statement denouncing his warning. Many hailed him as a hero for ringing early alarms about the virus.

FEB. 10–14

- **Feb. 10:** Death toll of 908 in China surpasses the number of individuals killed by a SARS epidemic in 2002-2003.
- **Feb. 11:** WHO names new coronavirus COVID-19, which stands for coronavirus disease 2019.
- **Feb. 14:** First death in Europe reported in Paris, France. Individual was an 80-year-old Chinese tourist.

FEB. 27

- NASDAQ-100, the S&P 500 Index, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average post their sharpest falls since 2008.

MARCH 6–8

» FIRST MAJOR EVENT CANCELLATION

- **March 6:** South by Southwest, a music, film and interactive media festival planned for March 13–22 in Austin, Texas is canceled to prevent coronavirus spread. The festival, in its 34th year, typically drew a half-million people to the city.
- **March 8:** CDC recommends avoiding cruise travel and for older passengers to avoid large gatherings and long plane rides.

FEB. 23–26

- **Feb. 23:** A surge of cases reported in Northern Italy leads the Italian government to begin quarantining entire cities.
- **Feb. 24:** Trump administration asks Congress for $1.25 billion for coronavirus response.
- **Feb. 25:** The CDC says that it's inevitable the disease will spread to the U.S and residents should prepare for "severe disruptions."
- **Feb. 26:** Brazilian officials announce first Latin America case of COVID-19.

FEB. 28–29

» DISEASE BECOMES WIDESPREAD

- **Feb. 28:** First case of American coronavirus community spread is found in California. Number of infections in Europe spike. Sub-Saharan Africa announces its first.
- **Feb. 29:** Governor of the state of Washington declares state of emergency. Travel is banned to specific areas of Italy and South Korea, and all of Iran. First U.S. death is reported in Washington.

MARCH 11

» WHO DECLARES PANDEMIC

- World Health Organization declares coronavirus a pandemic.
- In a national televised address, President Donald Trump announces a temporary ban on travel from Europe.
- After being diverted on March 4 from Mexico, the Grand Princess Cruise ship is finally allowed to dock in Oakland, California. Initially 19 crew members had tested positive for the virus. All passengers on board are quarantined for at least 14 days.

MARCH 11

» SPORTS SHUTDOWN BEGINS

- NBA suspends season after Utah Jazz player Rudy Gobert tests positive for the virus. Additional NBA players test positive in the following days and weeks.

» COLLEGES START GOING ONLINE

- Multiple universities across the U.S. announce that they are moving to online teaching.

MARCH 12

- NHL and MLS suspend season.
- NCAA cancels all spring and winter sport championships, including the popular "March Madness" basketball tournament.
- MLB cancels spring training and pushes back opening day.
- Stock markets suffer the greatest single-day fall since the 1987 stock market crash.

MARCH 13

- Numerous other sporting events, including several NASCAR races, the Boston Marathon, the Masters Golf Tournament and several Formula 1 races are postponed or cancelled.
- Disneyland and Disney World close.
- Delta Airlines announces a 40 percent cut in capacity — the greatest decrease in its history.
- Poland, Denmark, Slovakia and the Czech Republic close their borders. Ukraine announces it will do the same later.
- President Trump declares national emergency freeing up $50 billion for emergency relief efforts.

MARCH 15

- The CDC advises no gathering of 50 or more people, causing many businesses including restaurants to change how they operate. Many restaurants convert to take-out and drive-thru only.

» MALLS CLOSE TO LIMIT CROWDS

- In many states, bars are ordered to close indefinitely ahead of the St. Patrick's Day holiday. Nike, Apple, Microsoft and other retail mall-based stores close.
- As reported cases in the U.S. passed 4,200, the stock market falls 2,977 points, logging the worst one-day drop in history.

MARCH 16–18

- **March 16:** McDonalds announces it will be closing all of its in-store operations. Nordstrom announces it will be closing its stores for at least two weeks.
- **March 17:** President Trump invokes the 1950 Defense Production Act to help make up for potential medical supply shortages and deploy two hospital ships as the U.S. battles the coronavirus pandemic.
- **March 18:** Congress passes its second COVID-19 response measure including sick leave provisions and making testing for the virus free.

MARCH 19–24

» SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDERS BEGIN

- **March 19:** California is first to announce state-wide shelter-in-place mandate.
- New York state and Connecticut announce statewide sequesters. Illinois announces shelter in place commencing March 21.
- **March 24:** Stay-at-home orders are mandated in 17 states and in specific areas of 10 additional states by March 24, with more than 167 million people affected.

MARCH 24

- The International Olympic Committee postpones the 2020 summer games in Tokyo to 2021.
- Yellowstone, Grand Teton and Great Smoky Mountain national parks close joining the Statue of Liberty, Yosemite, Rocky Mountains and Alcatraz national parks.

MARCH 26–27

» U.S. SURPASSES CHINA AND ITALY

- **March 26:** The total number of worldwide cases passes 500,000.
- United States becomes the country with the most cases, surpassing China and Italy.
- **March 27:** U.S. House of Representatives approves $2.2 trillion stimulus package and President Trump signs it into law.

MARCH 29–31

- **March 29:** Deaths from the virus in New York State pass 1,200 and a portion of Central Park is turned into a field hospital, as space in regular hospitals runs out. Hospital ship USNS Comfort arrives at Pier 90 in New York Harbor.
- **March 31:** U.S. cases pass 165,000. Deaths worldwide pass 38,000.
- Dr. Anthony Fauci, the United State's leading expert on infectious diseases and member of the White House's coronavirus task force, predicts U.S. deaths at 100,000 to 200,000.

MARCH 25

» STIMULUS PACKAGE APPROVED

- U.S. Congress reaches agreement on a historic $2 trillion stimulus package to help jolt the economy in hopes of keeping it from falling into a recession or depression. Under the plan, individuals who earn $75,000 in adjusted gross income or less would get direct payments of $1,200 each, with married couples earning up to $150,000 receiving $2,400 — and an additional $500 per each child.

MARCH 29

- U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson releases a report based on communication from unnamed scientists suggesting that China could be under-reporting the number of coronavirus cases "by a factor of 15 to 40 times."
- President Trump extends social distancing guidelines through the end of April.

APRIL 1

» FOCUS ON EDUCATION

- With more than 55 million U.S. children out of school and the majority of schools attempting to offer education online, massive problem-solving is underway to try to keep the nation's education system running. Beyond the stress on families, the new reality of education has led districts to examine access to internet, equity among students and even privacy issues.

APRIL 1–2

- **April 1:** Confirmed cases in U.S. tops 200,000.
- **April 2:** Unemployment claims increase 3,000 percent due to virus outbreak. Worldwide cases top 1 million doubling the number of cases from one week prior. More than 50,000 individuals have succumbed to the virus.

APRIL 8–10

- **April 8:** Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation lowered their estimated deaths in the U.S., through August, from about 82,000 to 60,415. Wuhan, China, the city where the pandemic began, ends its 76-day lockdown.
- **April 9:** U.S. Department of Labor announces the second largest number of initial unemployment claims in history. Canada's Federal Statistic Agency saw the largest loss of jobs in a single month since the records began in 1976, pushing Canada's unemployment rate to 7.8 percent.
- **April 10:** Global death toll passes 100,000 people.

APRIL 13

- One of the country's largest pork processing facilities in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, closes for at least two weeks because a large number of employees have fallen sick. Company CEO says this closure along with others in the country is, "pushing our country perilously close to the edge in terms of our meat supply."
- Daily number of deaths from the disease dropped two days in a row giving hope that the worst might be over, but experts warn that different states will see different peaks.

APRIL 4–7

- **April 4:** White House recommends the use of non-medical face masks to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19. Numerous groups and individuals sew handmade masks for those on the front lines as well as for general use.
- U.S. reports the greatest number of deaths in one day from the virus: 1,224 on April 4.
- **April 7:** Death toll in U.S. more than doubles in five days from 5,000 to more than 11,000.

APRIL 11

- Tom Hanks hosts *Saturday Night Live* from home. Talk show hosts, including Jimmy Fallon, Jimmy Kimmel and Ellen Degeneres, are recording shows from home and interviewing guests remotely.

APRIL 14–16

- **April 14:** U.S. and Canada hold talks on an agreement to keep the land border closed between the two countries to non-essential travel for at least another few weeks.
- **April 15:** Total worldwide cases pass the 2 million mark with more than 600,000 in the United States and more than 27,000 in Canada.
- **April 16:** President Trump releases his guidelines for how the nation should move forward with re-opening the economy. Several groups of governors, on the East Coast, West Coast and in the Midwest, form their own coalitions.

APRIL 18

- One World: Together at Home concert is broadcast on all major TV networks and streamed digitally on social medial and other digital channels. The concert was sponsored by Global Citizen to support the WHO. Headliner Lady Gaga helped organize the event, which included appearances by celebrities such as Alicia Keys, Amy Poehler, Camila Cabello, Céline Dion, Ellen DeGeneres, Lupita Nyong'o, Oprah Winfrey, Pharrell Williams, the Rolling Stones, Sam Smith, Shawn Mendes, Taylor Swift and more.

APRIL 23–24

- **April 23:** United States death toll passes 50,000.
- **April 24:** White House announces Operation America Strong. To honor America's health care workers, the Air Force Thunderbirds and the Navy's Blue Angels fly over major American cities in the coming weeks.

APRIL 30

- Dr. Anthony Fauci, NIAID Director, tells reporters at the White House that the antiviral drug remdesivir, "has a clear-cut, significant, positive effect in diminishing the time to recovery."
- Bill Gates announces that he expects there to be a safe and effective vaccine within 18 months, and possibly as quickly as nine.

APRIL 20–21

- **April 20:** Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp announces an an accelerated plan to reopen businesses such as hair salons, tattoo parlors and bowling alleys beginning on April 24. He also ended the state's shelter in place order on April 30, although it had been set to expire later in May.
- **April 21:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention chief Robert Redfield warns that the pandemic could be much worse in the upcoming winter.

APRIL 28

- U.S. passes the one million mark for known COVID-19 cases.
- President Trump signs an executive order under the Defense Production Act to compel meat processing plants to remain open during the coronavirus pandemic.

MAY 1–3

- **May 1:** Amid protests in some cities, as many as 35 states begin to lift business closures, with many including a phased approach. California's shelter-in-place order still has no end date leading to protests over closed beaches and businesses.
- **May 3:** Actor John Krasinski hosts a virtual graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 on his YouTube show, SGN (Some Good News). The ceremony included celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey, Jon Stewart, Steven Spielberg and Malala Yousafzai. Krasinski had also hosted a virtual prom on April 17.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Diversity Committee

"The world is changing for the better", is a statement I keep seeing on the Internet followed by, "don't make people scared; police officers are only going to start something if you do it first; stop looting, and All lives matter". The following is my reflection on each statement and my conviction for why black lives matter:

"Don't make people scared and cause violence?". I have heard this statement more than once as a consequence of the riots and protests in response to the police killings of Brianna Taylor and George Floyd as well Ahmaud Arbery, Sandra Blaine, LaQuan McDonald, Travon Martin, Tamir Rice, and so many others. As an African American, I am scared for my life every day. I am afraid of the very people who say they are going to protect me and my people. But, what about all the violence those very same people inflict on us–African Americans, Black People, and People of Color?

"Police officers are only going to start something if you do it first". If this statement is true, then why are innocent people whose skin is black being killed? The only explanation that I can see is that my blackness represents a threat. When the police see my blackness; they see a weapon. The only question is why? Black people's loved ones are being taken away each and every day for no reason. Someone who calls that person mom, dad, sister, and brother are murdered at the hand of the police.

"Stop looting", you say stop looting. then stop killing black people! Stop putting us in a position of fear when we leave our homes, and do a little prayer when a police officer is behind our car. Then maybe, just maybe not only will all lives matter we can begin to understand why black lives matter.

During this time, I look to this verse for support and clarity. "Look, I am with you, and I will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised"- Genesis 28:15

Respectfully,
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- *a* dream *came* true.

YOU *are that* **vision.**

Be real and true **- Fifty-Niners!**

-May 1960, author unknown